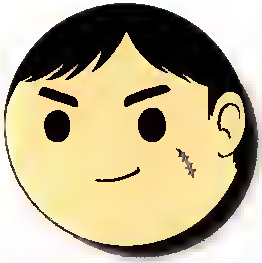

著者近影

ついに10巻目が出た！　もう20年マンガでメシを食って来たが、1人の主人公をこんなに長く描いた事ははじめてだ。20年の半分以上は遊んでたからね。あービックリ、真面目にやってるじゃん。1年くらい仙人のようにぼ〜〜っとしていたいなと思う事は、幾度もあった。サバイバルゲーム三昧、テレビゲーム三昧、酒三昧、何度かそんな日々を夢見た事か。

しかし、そんな事もしてられません。しょーがないから砂ぼうずにオレのやりたい事を、思い切りやらせよっと。節目でもあるし、心機一転、がんばろーっと。

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WINCHESTER
MODEL 1897 SHOTGUN(アメリカ)

全長	985mm
銃身長	500mm
重量	3300g
口径	2¼in (12GAUGE)
作動方式	ポンプアクション
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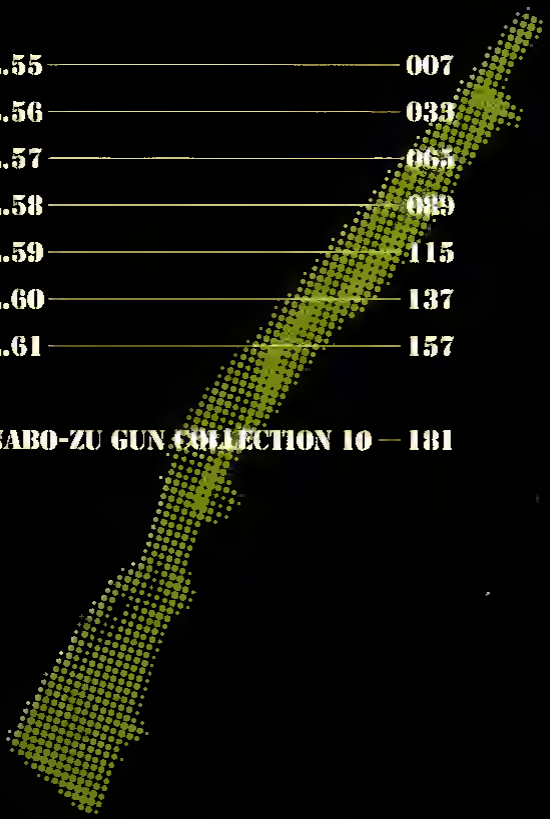


SUNABO-ZU CONTENTS

— STORY —
物語

The great Kanto desert is no more than a vast wasteland. Its people must survive from day to day in a dry, barren land. Among them is Sunabo-zu, a mercenary with a quick wit who'd risk anything to further his goals and who answers only to himself. His ill-reputation has spread all over the desert.

Initially hired to keep a watchful eye over some excavation, he then met a group of rebels to the government and eventually decided to lend them a hand. Kaizuka, their leader, found himself quite perplexed by Sunabo-zu's lack of interest in politics and chose to keep his true purpose hidden.

Sunabozu's first task as a member of that opposing group was to establish contact with Kaoru Kaizuka, the wealthy CEO of "The game of life" enterprise. By the time Kaoru agrees to help, the group is ambushed! As the rebel soldiers are wiped out one after another by an invisible foe, Sunabo-zu and Kosuna end up on their own...

—CHARACTERS—
主な登場人物

The West Oasis Government

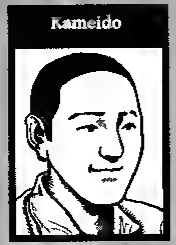
The Opposing Party

This group thinks of using state-of-the-art technology from the Ankoku era in order to revive the planet from its ashes. The story has not yet revealed who's pulling their strings

Masuru Kaido

A brave and idealistic member of the special forces who met Sunabo-zu shortly after his desertion. Now reinstated in the army, he secretly plots to achieve his own goals

Kameido



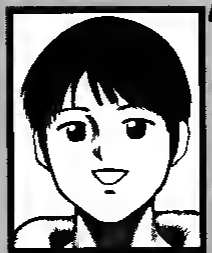
Works for the government but won't give a second thought about tearing some contract up. He does not get along well with the moderate Masaru Kaido

Ikeda

An expert scholar of the Ankoku era, Ikeda's also a political activist within the government and too much of a philanthropist for his own good

Her parents' only daughter and one of Sunabo-zu's childhood friends. After many years of studies, she's become the leader of a special forces unit. She's an ally of the Opposing Party though she's not revealed why so far

Natsuko Kawaguchi



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協力要請

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The Majority Party (led by Ootaki)

Is currently receiving most of the votes among the West Oasis Government and firmly believes that the Earth will regenerate itself over time. As for the Opposing Party, the story didn't reveal who's behind that group either

Kosuna (Taiko Koizumi)

Sunabo-zu's apprentice, Kosuna dreams of becoming the strongest woman in Kanto. She has worked hard to learn some skills and build herself some strength. The size of her breast however, did not develop any further

are childhood friends

Sunabo-zu (Kanta Mizuno)

Our hero. Kanta would do anything to satisfy his own desires. Nicknamed "the demon the desert", he uses all kind of tricks to get his jobs done. One weakness though : he's easily conned by women

get along well with

lusts for her

Kaoru Kaizuka

The discoveries he made by digging into the desert allowed him to become the head of "the game of life" enterprise, which earned him loads and loads of money. Kaoru also owns a powerful cyborg from the Ankoku Era. He's a major player in the desert politics and is driven by a deep hatred of the government

Junko Asagiri

AKA Miss big boobies. Junko manipulates men by simulating love interest. Her favourite victim : Sunabo-zu. The latter never got what he wanted despite several attempts. In this volume, she assumes the role of a nurse.

cooperates with

Other characters

The "Machine-gun Brothers"

Those three are Sunabo-zu's childhood friends as well, but did not stayed on good terms with him. Though more inclined to pull triggers than using their brain power, they form quite an efficient team.

Mercs

All these are members of the Mercenary Union and are under contracts. They're committed to the Union Regulations and put their own lives at risk to carry on their duty.

Amagumo

Sunabo-zu's nemesis. Amagumo is an extremely strong fellow. Nicknamed the "God of Death", Sunabo-zu has faced him on numerous occasions but none ever succeeded in defeating the other. Turns out he's a perverted bastard.

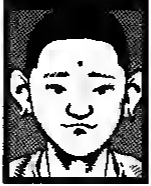
Tsurara

Despite his straight face, he's a cunning individual. He's called upon Sunabo-zu to avenge his dead master (actually he's the one who let him to die). Tsurara still appears as a capable fighter.

Koichi Ookawa

Older son of the Ookawa firm. He travels all over the Kanto desert. In competition with his brother for the succession of the firm.

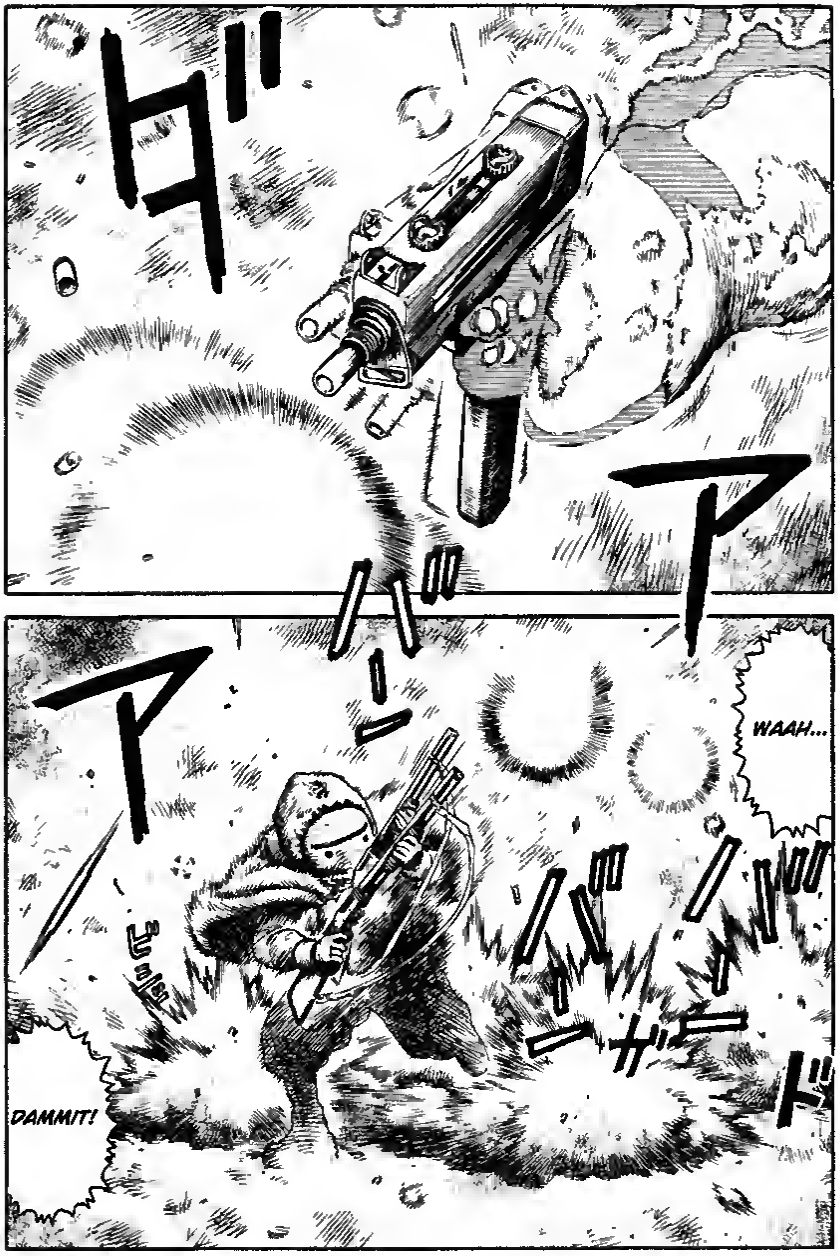
Koji Ookawa



Youngest son of the Ookawa firm. He's very strong and doesn't get along well with his older brother.

Seiji Tanigawa

Former engineer of the defunct Uzumaki enterprise. Tricked by Junko, he betrayed his employer by wearing a new generation of desert suit. He ended up arrested by the West Oasis army.


WAAH...
DAMMIT!

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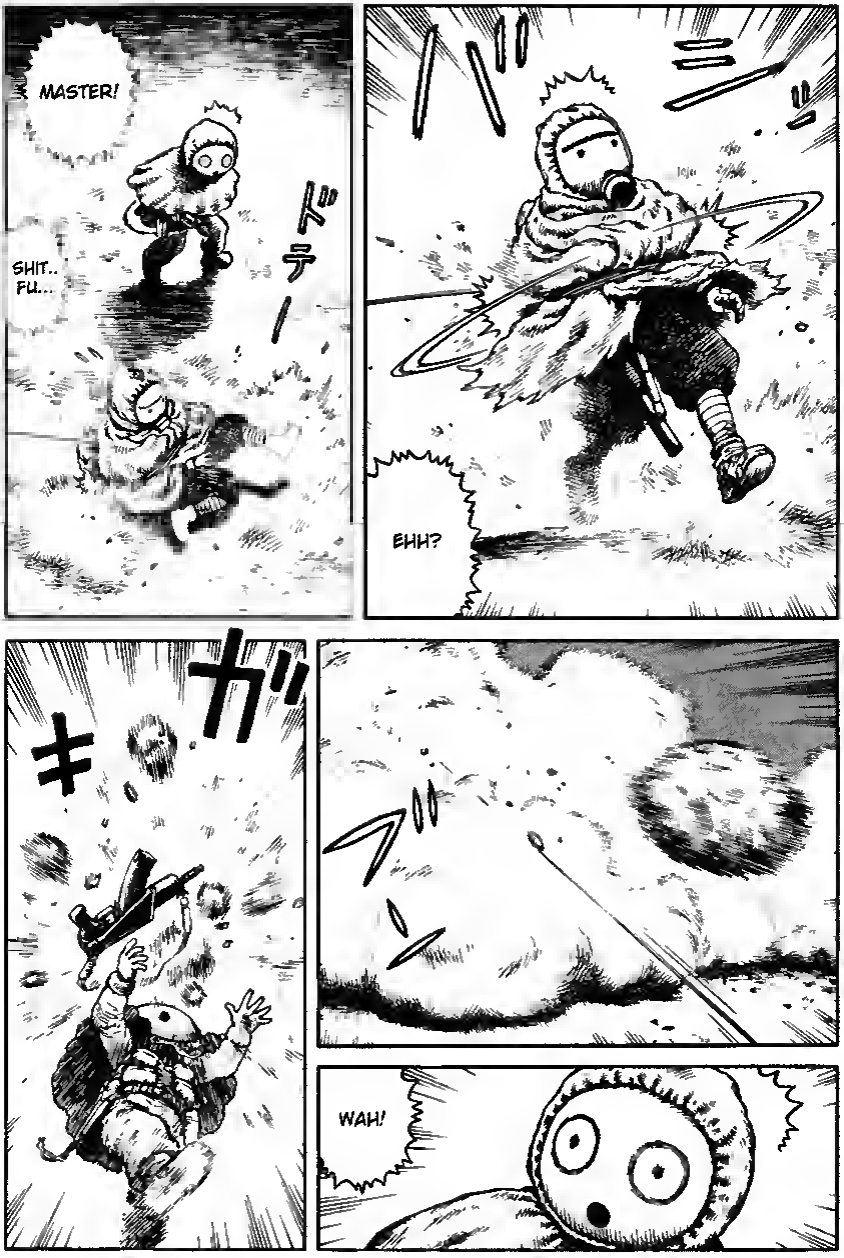
I MADE A MISTAKE.
ARR!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
I DON'T KNOW... IN ANY CASE...
PERHAPS HE'S DEAD ALREADY...
WE CAN'T EVEN SEE THE TRACKS.
HUH?!
OH!


MASTER!
SHIT.. FU...
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EHH?
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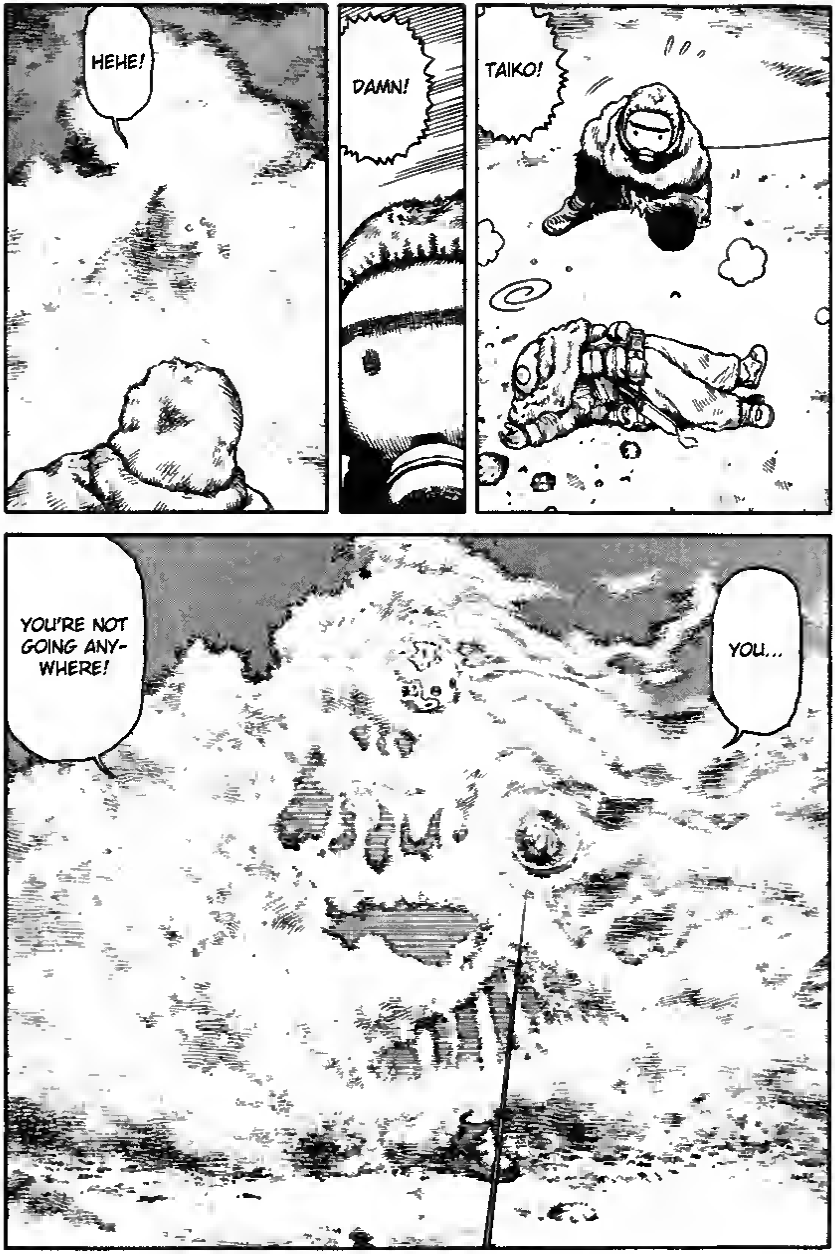
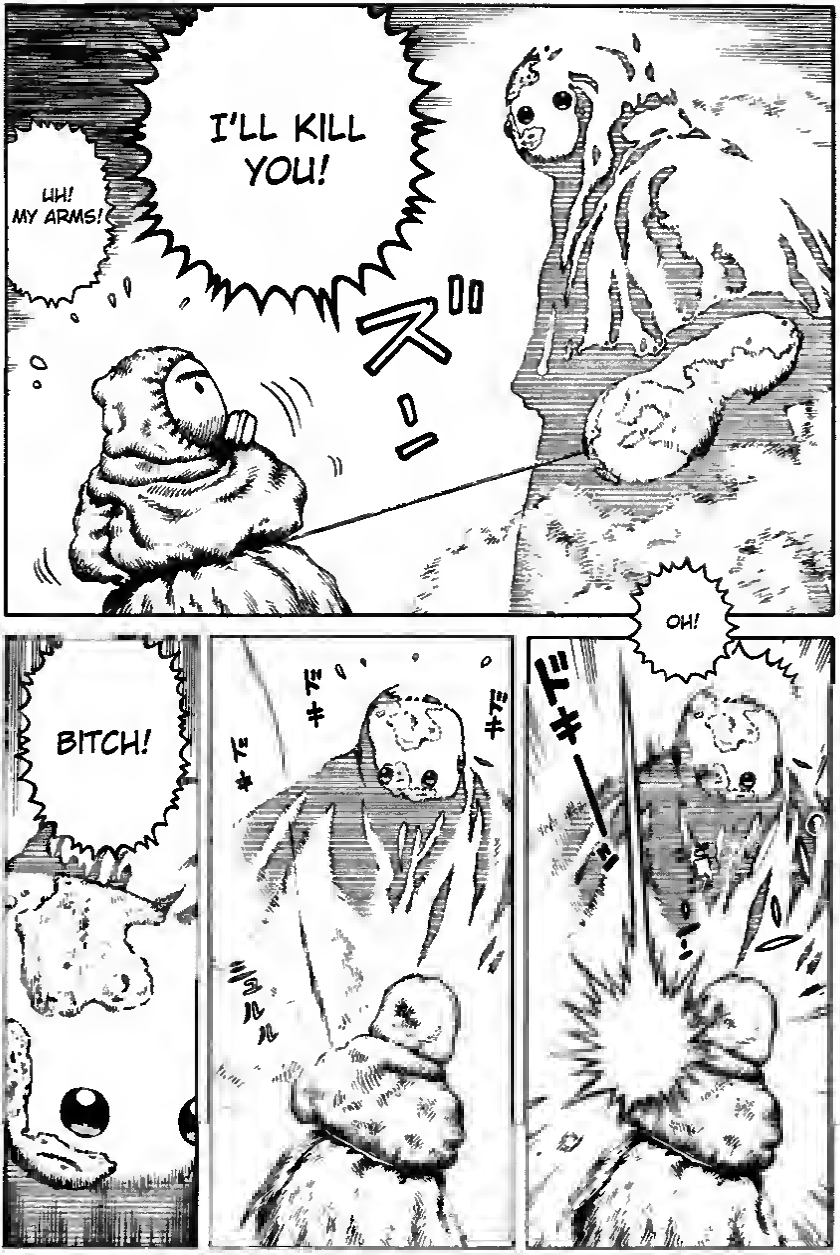
WAH!


HEHE!
DAMN!
TAIKO!
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY-WHERE!
YOU...


I'LL KILL YOU!
UH! MY ARMS!
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OH!
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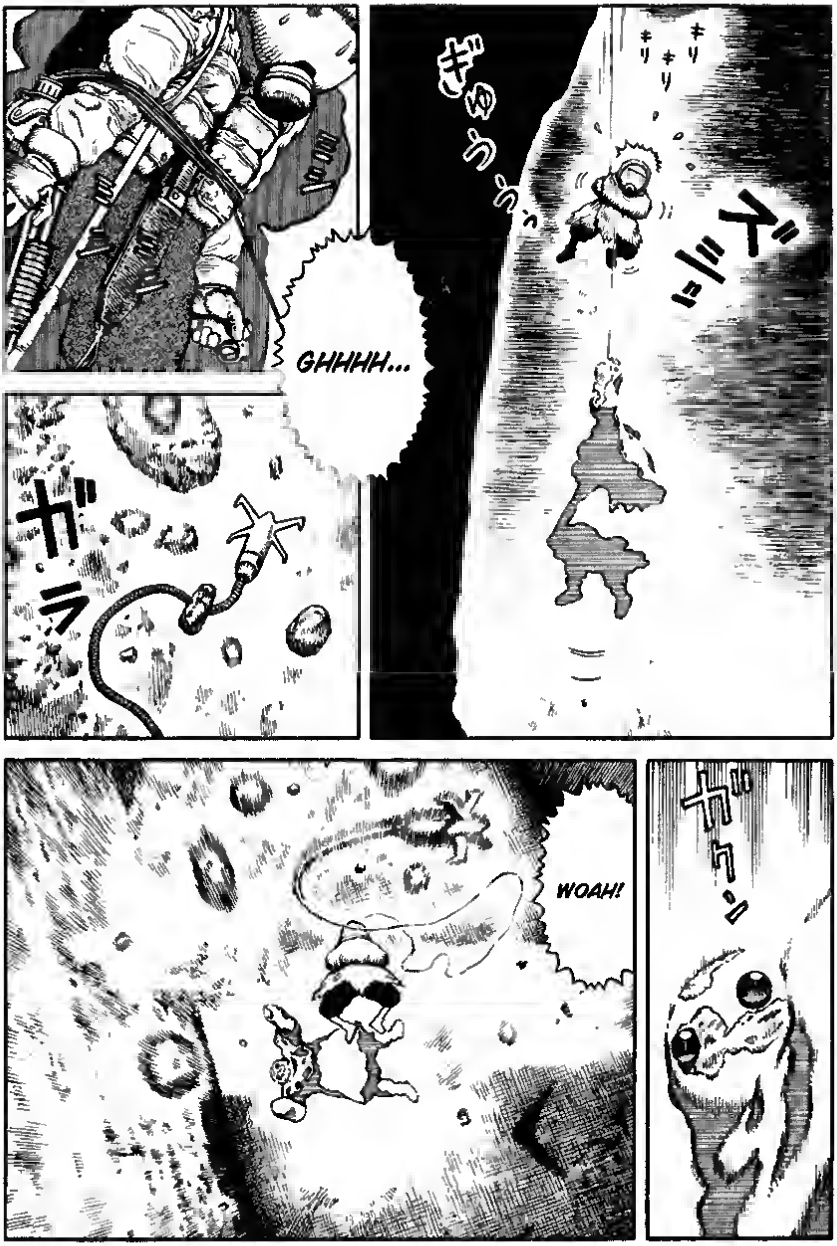
ドキ
ミシルル
BITCH!

ガクーン
ヒューン
UUUH...
グーン
HMM?
キュイイーン
HUH?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GHHHH...
ガラ
WOAH!
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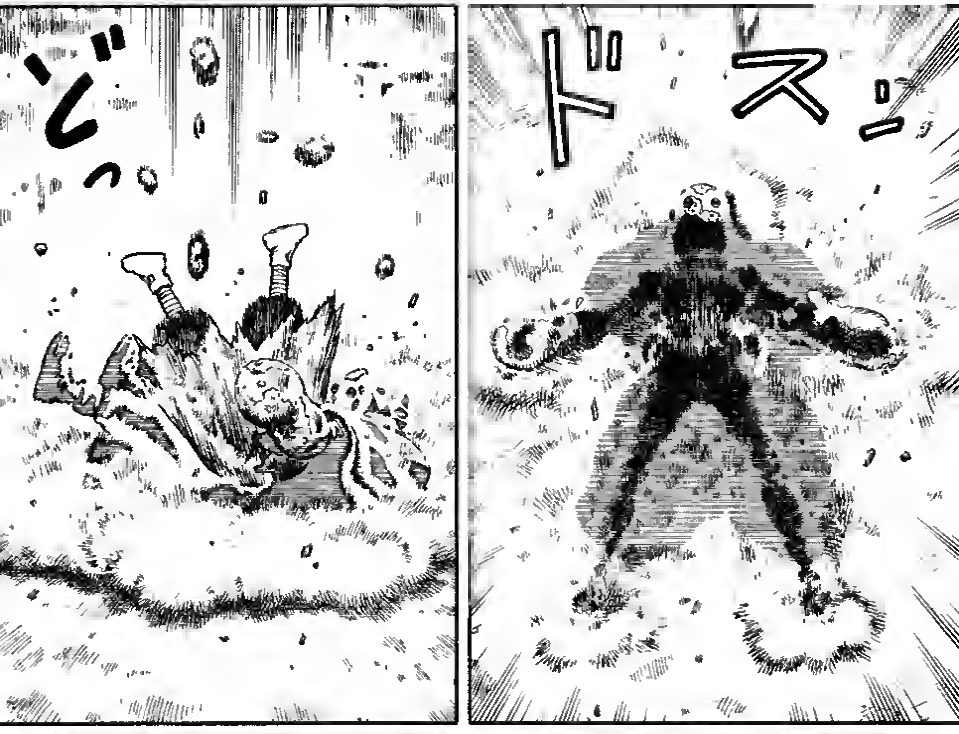
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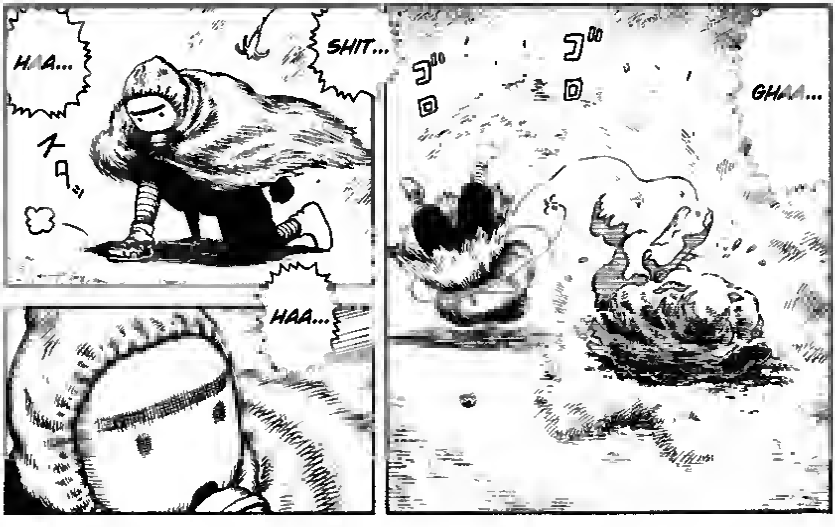
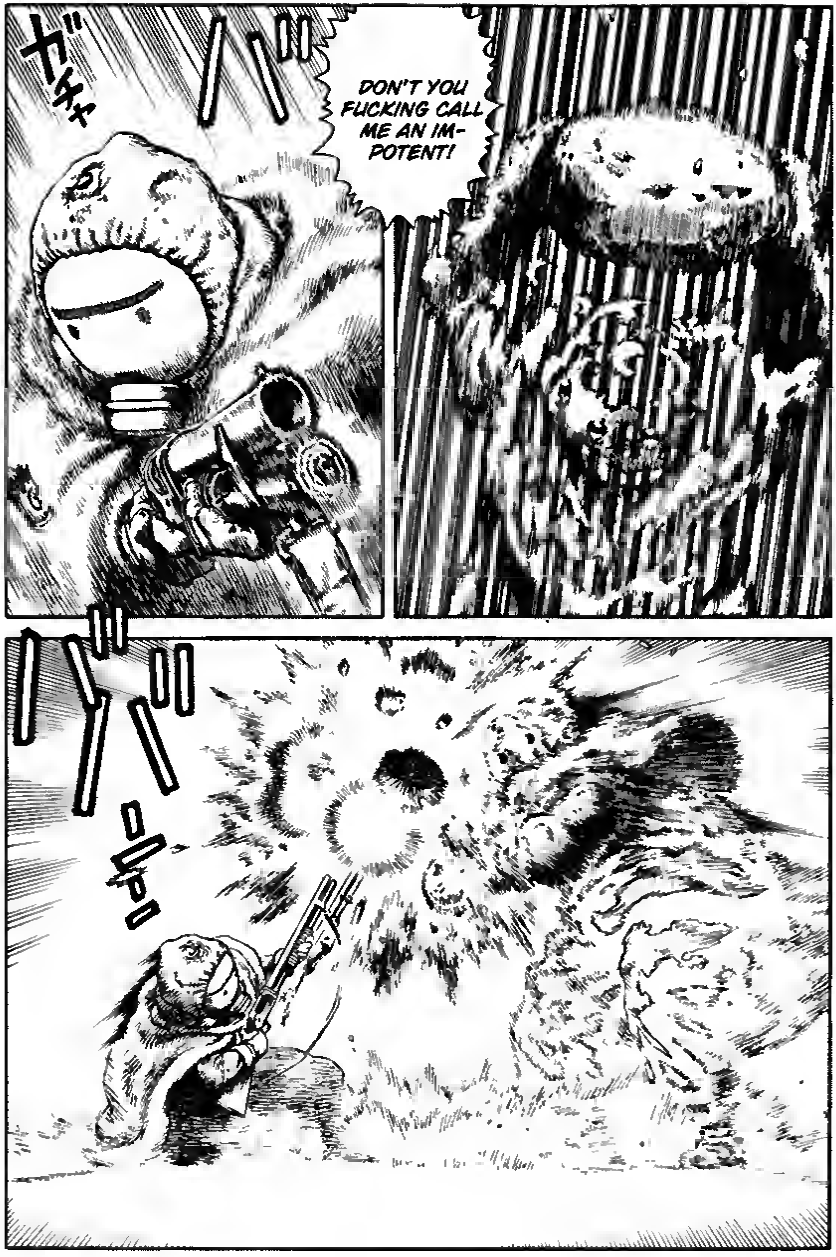

HAA...
SHIT...
ハァ...
HAA...
ゴゴゴ
GHAA...

AAH...
AAH...
ARRR ...
I CAN'T MOVE THEM
MY ARMS...
OH?
HE'S REALLY GETTING ON MY NERVES.
THAT SON OF A BITCH...
DAMMIT!
JUST PLAIN BROKEN?
ARE THEY NUMB OR...

I HATE NOSY PEOPLE.
HMF... HMF...
RUNT.
YOU'RE PISSING ME OFF...
OH... NOW I SEE YOUR TRUE FUCKING NATURE.
IF ONLY YOU HADN'T BEEN SHOT...
YOU ASSHOLE!
HUH?
YOU THINK YOU'RE ALL STRONG AND MIGHTY 'CAUSE YOU GOT SOME FANCY EQUIPMENT AND A LIL' TRAINING, EH?
Parts of him are blinking randomly
HMM?
WHAT ARE YOU? DUMB?
PUNK!
ARR...
EH? ERR...
BRAINLESS SON-OF-A-WHORE!
DIRTY RAT!

USELESS, IMPOTENT PIECE OF TRASH!
OH!
AND A SMALL PENIS WHICH CAN'T GET HARD.
RAH
ARGH
GLUPS
YOU GOT HEMORRHOIDS, SHIT AROUND YOUR ASS...
YOUR MOUTH REEKS OF TOOTH-DECAY..
loss of resilience
グッ
ガバ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DON'T YOU FUCKING CALL ME AN IM-POTENT!
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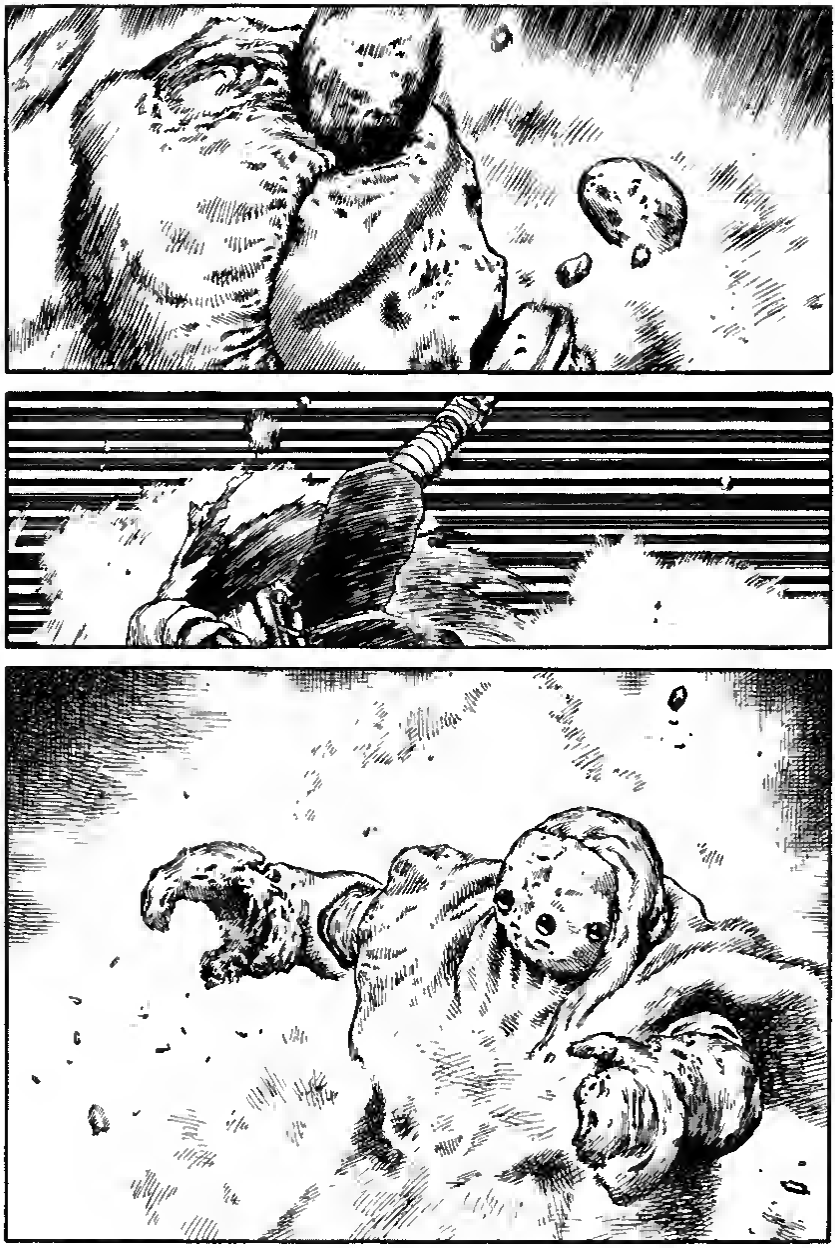

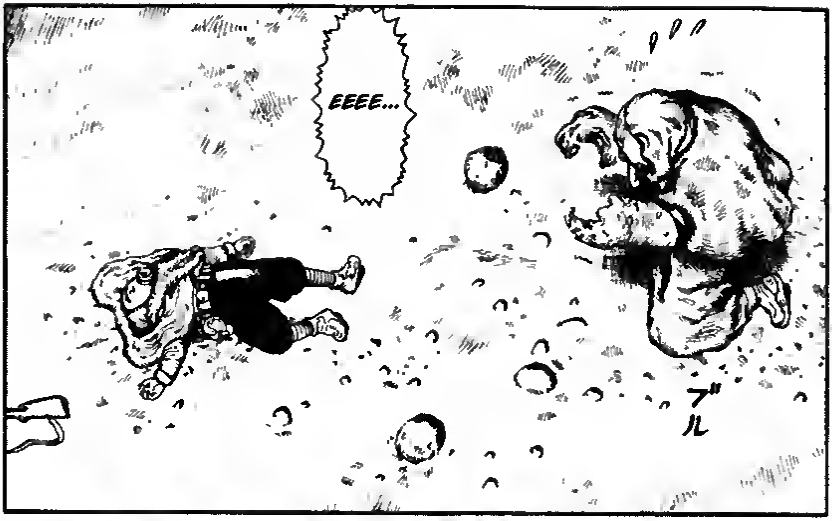
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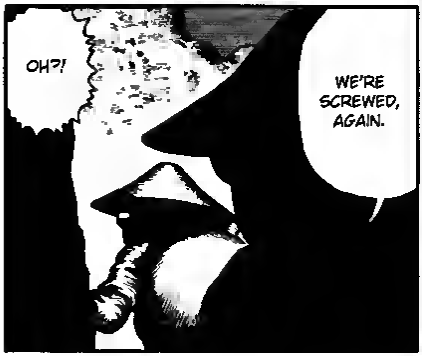
HUH?
WE'RE A LITTLE TOO LATE.


OH?!
WE'RE SCREWED, AGAIN.

HM... IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO BRING NANPA DOWN
WHY BE SO VIOLENT AS TO THROW A GRENADE AT THIS RANGE?
AT LEAST WE CAN HEAR THEM TALKING
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?!!
THEY JUST PRETENDED TO FLEE WHILE WAITING FOR NANPA TO SHOW UP.
WHERE WERE THEY UNTIL NOW?!
SHIT, WE DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING...

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ARGH!
GUH!
OH!
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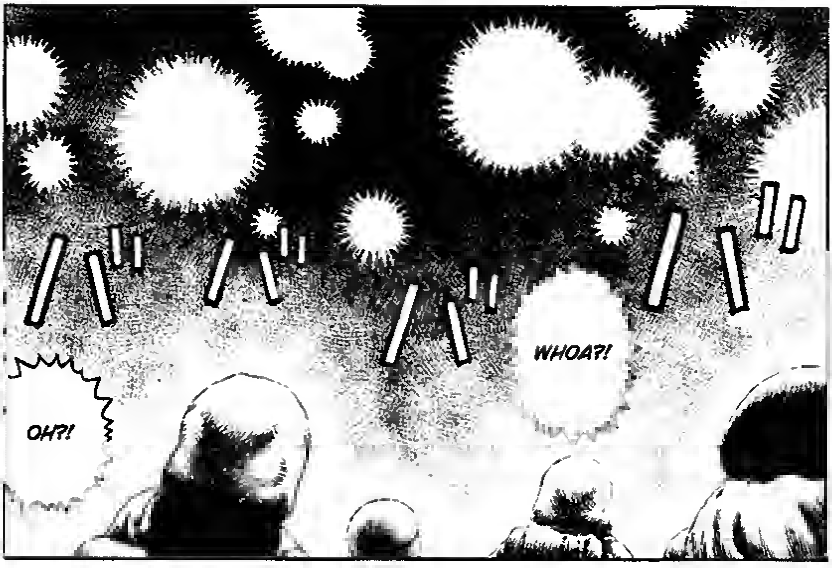
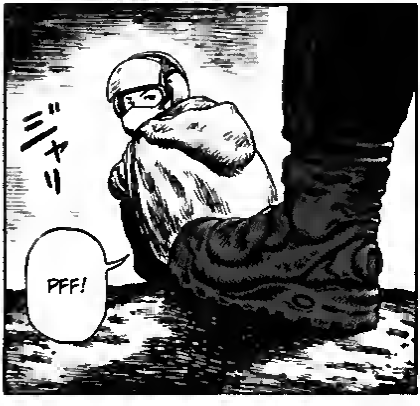
GYAAA.
ガーー
ガキュ
カーー
ポイ
ズーー


OH?!
WHOA?!

ARE THESE NEW MO-DELS?!
SUCH POWER!!
WE'RE BLIND!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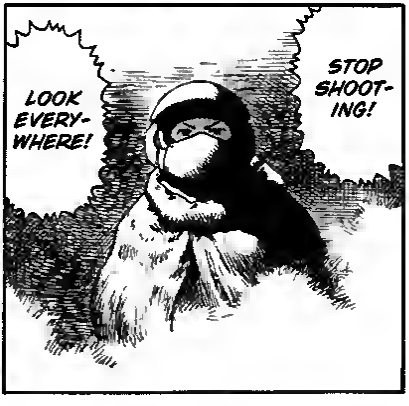
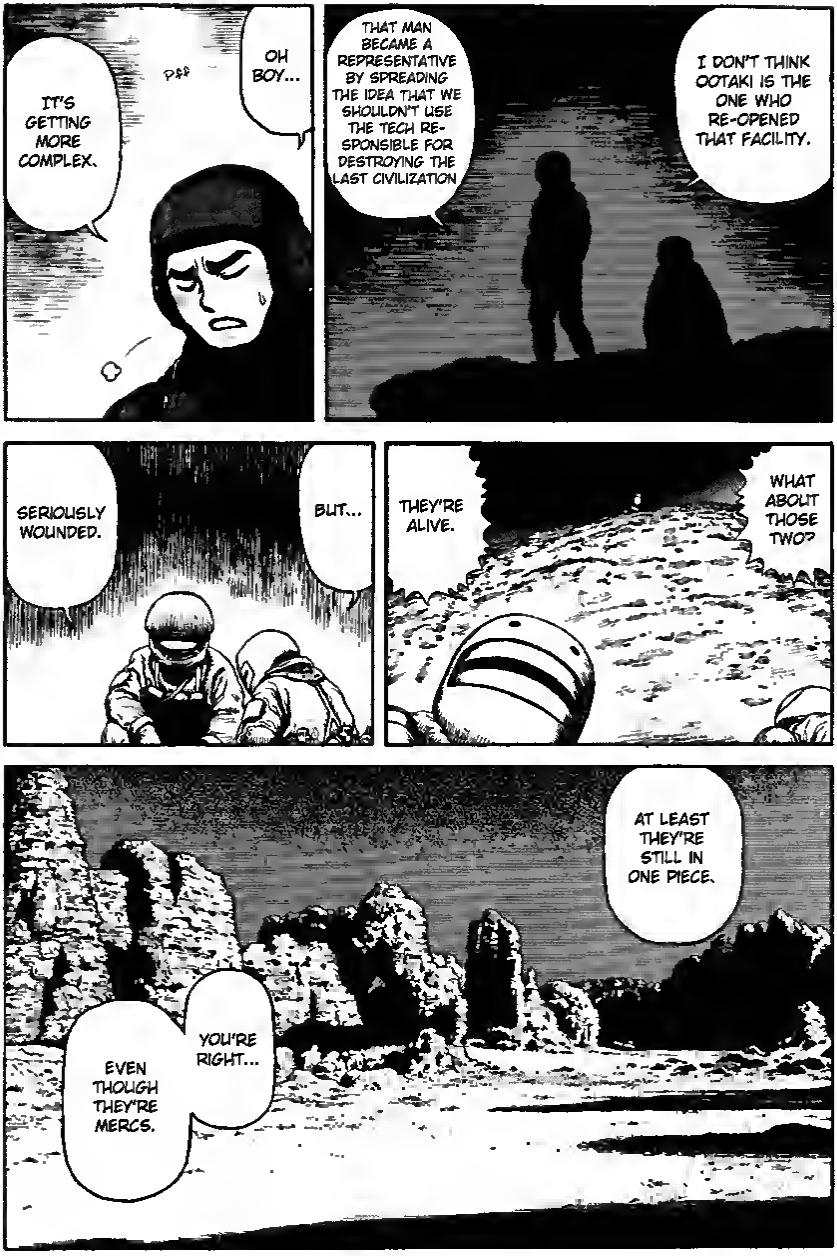
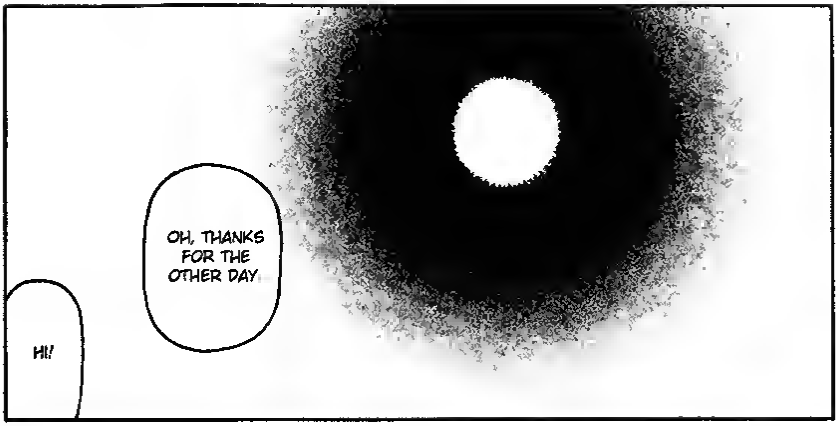
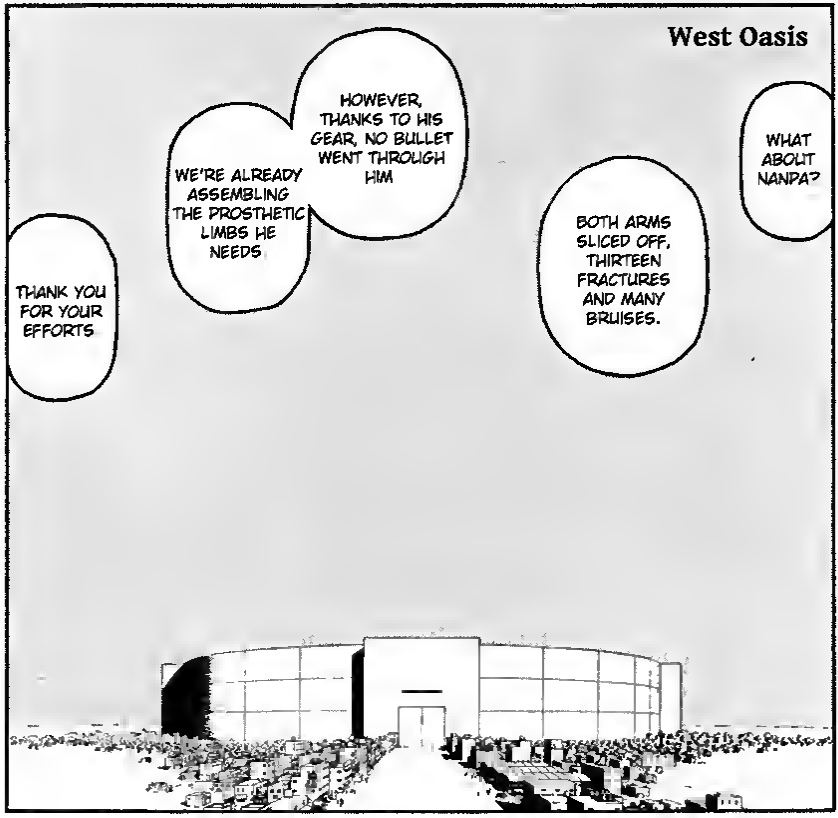
PFF!


LOOK EVERY-WHERE!
STOP SHOOT-ING!

THEY'VE ESCAPED.
YES.
ALL THAT GEAR SHOULD BE STORED WITHIN A REMOTE FACILITY OF THE OASIS...
LOCKED DEEP INSIDE.
THIS IS A ANKOKU-ERA TECHNOLOGY, RIGHT? AREN'T THEY SUPPOSED TO BE ILLEGAL BECAUSE TOO DANGEROUS?
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A CLOAKING DEVICE...
OR THOSE NEW FLASH-BULBS.
HM.


OH BOY...
IT'S GETTING MORE COMPLEX.
THAT MAN BECAME A REPRESENTATIVE BY SPREADING THE IDEA THAT WE SHOULDN'T USE THE TECH RESPONSIBLE FOR DESTROYING THE LAST CIVILIZATION
I DON'T THINK OOTAKI IS THE ONE WHO RE-OPENED THAT FACILITY.
BUT...
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.
THEY'RE ALIVE.
WHAT ABOUT THOSE TWO?
AT LEAST THEY'RE STILL IN ONE PIECE.
YOU'RE RIGHT...
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE MERCS.


HI!
OH, THANKS FOR THE OTHER DAY


West Oasis
THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS
WE'RE ALREADY ASSEMBLING THE PROSTHETIC LIMBS HE NEEDS
HOWEVER, THANKS TO HIS GEAR, NO BULLET WENT THROUGH HIM
BOTH ARMS SLICED OFF, THIRTEEN FRACTURES AND MANY BRUISES.
WHAT ABOUT NANPA?

ANYONE ELSE WOULD HAVE DIED.
WHY THEY CHOSE NANPA.
NOW I UNDER-STAND...
I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE NOT THE KIND OF MAN THAT LEAVES A CO-WORKER BEHIND.
I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT THE OTHER TWO BACK INSTEAD OF THAT FREAK NANPA.
IN RETRO-SPECT...
WE'RE WAITING FOR THE ARMY'S CRIMINAL RECORD.
BY THE WAY, DID YOU GET THE RESULTS?

HMM...
THEY ALREADY DID.
I ASSUME THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?
OUR ENEMY LURKS EVEN WITHIN THE OASIS.
THAT'S WHY WE MUST STAY VIGILANT AND ACT QUICKLY.
HAAA...
ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE ELECTION ARE GETTING CLOSER SO WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.
I DON'T WANT TO RISK ASSASSINATION EVERY TIME I TAKE A SHIT.

HUM...
HOW I ENVY THE MECHANICS. THEY DON'T DEAL WITH SUCH PROBLEMS
THE CHIEF OF THE ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT HASN'T ANY TIME TO SPARE.
SORRY, YOU'RE NEW HERE BUT...
IF YOU DON'T MIND LOOSING YOUR FINGERS MAYBE THAT'S WHAT YOU SHOULD DO.
YOU WANT US TO GET KILLED OR WHAT?
I ORDERED SOME SS109! AND WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
193!
I DIDN'T KNOW ALL THIS
SS109->M16A2
M193->M16A1
Slightly different kinds of ammunition

AND CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT SMELL? IT FUCKING STINKS HERE!
I GOT IT I GOT IT.
RIGHT, RIGHT,
THAT'S THE SECOND TIME IT HAPPENS! SOME WOULD SAY THE SUPPLIES DEP. IS SLACKING OFF ON ITS WORK.
SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, MILITARY COMMAND... NO WAY I'M DEALING WITH EITHER OF THEM.
HEEE...*
DON'T YOU FORGET WE'RE RISKING OUR LIVES EVERY SINGLE DAY IN THAT GOD-DAMNED DESERT!

*- TN: VOICE THEY MAKE WHEN THEY GET INTIMIDATED.

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THIS IS THE MIZUTAMA HOSPITAL.
DON'T YOU WORRY, MASARU WILL PAY THE BILL.
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
水玉病院
SO YOU'RE FINALLY WAKING UP.
OH...
SO YOU REMEMBER, THAT'S GOOD NEWS.
THAT GHOST GOT ME.
OH... WELL.
WHAAAAT?!
YOU'VE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS.
WHAAT?
'CAUSE HE SPLIT YOUR SKULL OPEN.

SHE DIDN'T LET US DOWN.
THAT'S A GOOD THING, ISN'T IT?
SO NATSUKO SAVED MY LIFE?
BE-SIDES ...
WE'VE BEEN USED AS BAIT.
...
NO DOUBT THEY WOULD HAVE BLOWN US TO BITS ALONG WITH THE ENEMY HAD WE BEEN CAPTURED.
AS WE KNOW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THEIR GROUP...
THEY'RE THE ONES WHO BLEW THE SECRET BASE UP FOR KAZUKI AND THE OTHER GEEZERS TO ESCAPE

ALL THE MORE SINCE THEY HAD PLANNED TO SILENCE US IF ANYTHING WERE TO GO WRONG.
WHY ARE THEY ROAMING THE DESERT DISGUISED AS RAIDERS?
TO RULE THE OASIS.
WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHICH CANDIDATE THEY SUPPORT...
YOU NEARLY DIED BACK THERE...
AREN'T YOU ANGRY?!
...
P&&&...

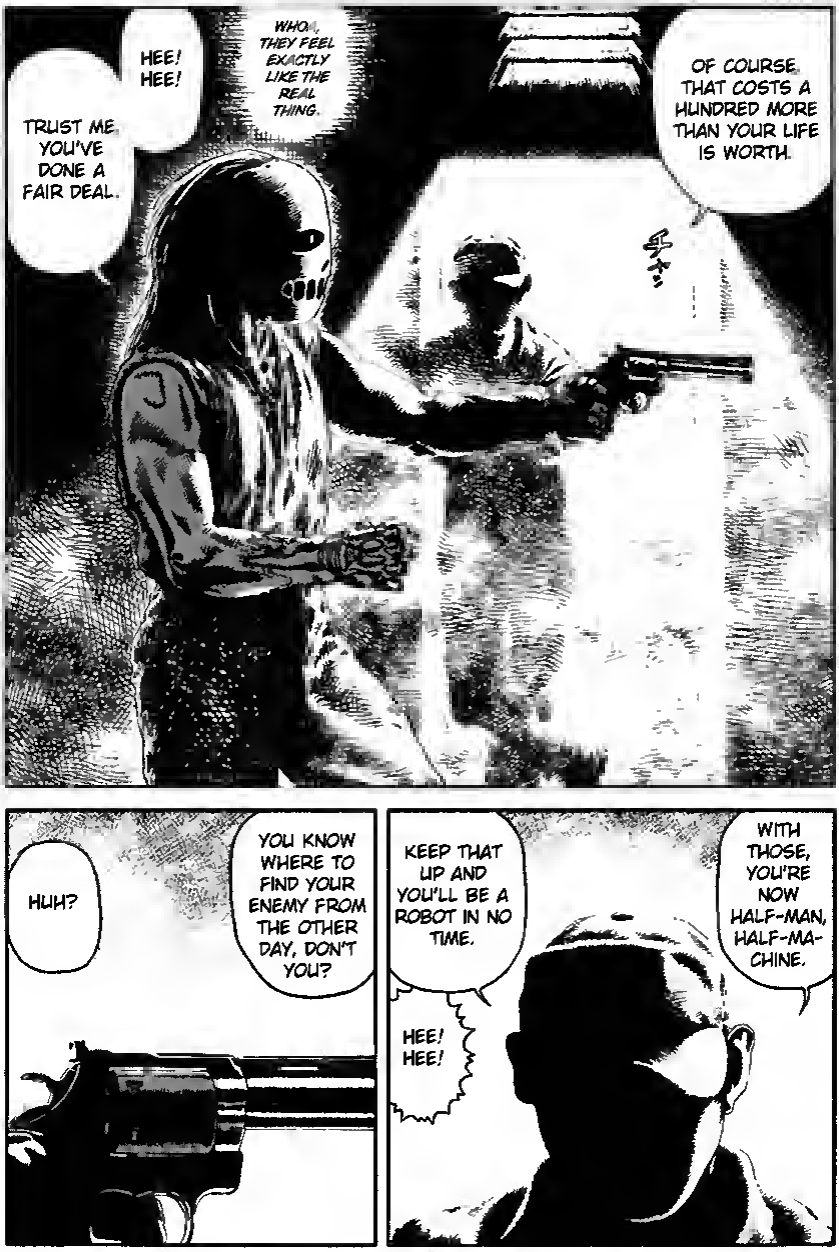
I'M SORRY FOR WHAT HAPPENED.
はあ
YEAH... BUT I STILL CAN'T GET BACK TO WORK.
DO YOU FEEL BETTER NOW?
I RECEIVED A RABBIT PUNCH AND GOT A CONCUSSION.
WHAT ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
プチ
プチ
プチ
Pan.
I WASN'T IN A HURRY TO MEET...
BACK THEN...
IT'S GIVING ME SPOTS ALL OVER.
IT'S SO UNUSUAL... YOU BEING KIND...
WHAT'S WRONG?

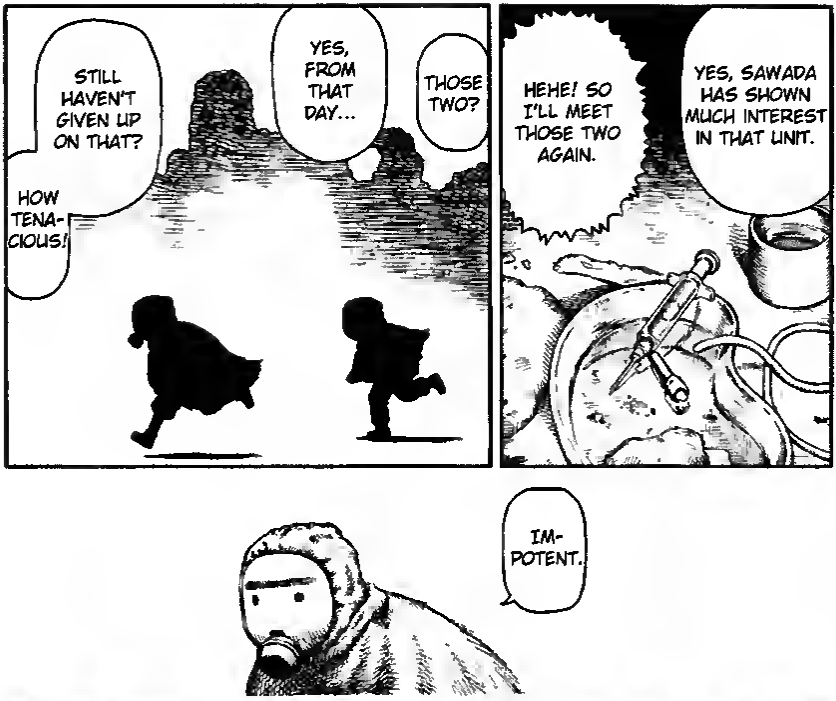
OUR OPPONENT.
THOSE GUYS HAVE AN UNLIMITED ACCESS TO THAT ANKOKU-ERA STUFF.
...
THE DESERT'S GOING WILD.
OBVIOUSLY THE GOVERNMENT'S FAT CATS ARE WELL-AWARE THAT...
I AGREE.
YES, AND WE MUST PREVAIL.
WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT THEM.

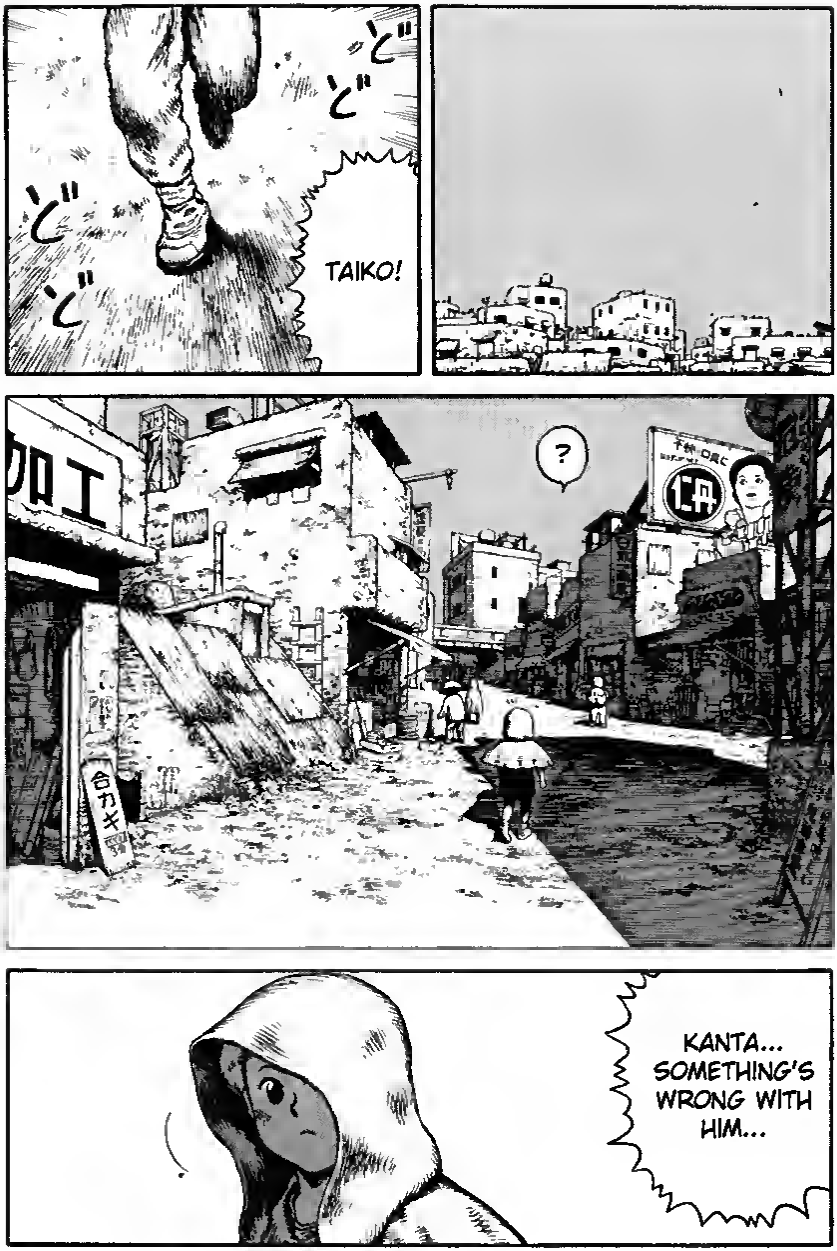
WHAT?
OH YES IT IS.
SO IT'S NOT NECESSARILY OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO WIN THE DAY.
IF THAT'S TRUE, THEY'LL HAVE TO TAKE ACTION.
SORRY.
OH!
HA HA HA HA HA!
CATCH IT!
HERE!
HE WON'T SEE IT COMING...
what his reaction would have been not so long ago

THANKS SIR!
Pfft...
I...
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
I DON'T WANT TO BE A MERCENARY ALL MY LIFE.

HEE!
HEE!
HEE!
AWESOME.
THAT'S...


HEE! HEE!
TRUST ME. YOU'VE DONE A FAIR DEAL.
WHOA, THEY FEEL EXACTLY LIKE THE REAL THING.
OF COURSE. THAT COSTS A HUNDRED MORE THAN YOUR LIFE IS WORTH.
HUH?
YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND YOUR ENEMY FROM THE OTHER DAY, DON'T YOU?
KEEP THAT UP AND YOU'LL BE A ROBOT IN NO TIME.
HEE! HEE!
WITH THOSE, YOU'RE NOW HALF-MAN, HALF-MACHINE.


STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN UP ON THAT?
HOW TENA-CIOUS!
YES, FROM THAT DAY...
THOSE TWO?
HEHE! SO I'LL MEET THOSE TWO AGAIN.
YES, SAWADA HAS SHOWN MUCH INTEREST IN THAT UNIT.
IM-POTENT.
That little runt.
HEE! HEE! HEE! HEE!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TAIKO!
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KANTA... SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH HIM...

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NO.
DON'T YOU WANT ANY MONEY AT ALL?
YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME.

JUST LET ME KNOW. I'LL DEAL WITH IT DURING MY FREE TIME.
YOU'RE A LIFESAVER... I HAVE NO MAN TO HELP ME...
AND I ALWAYS GOT TROUBLES WITH THAT SAND WALL.
BUT HE JUST GOT OUT OF THE HOSPITAL...
AND IT'S NOT THE FIRST GOOD DEED HE DID THIS MORNING.
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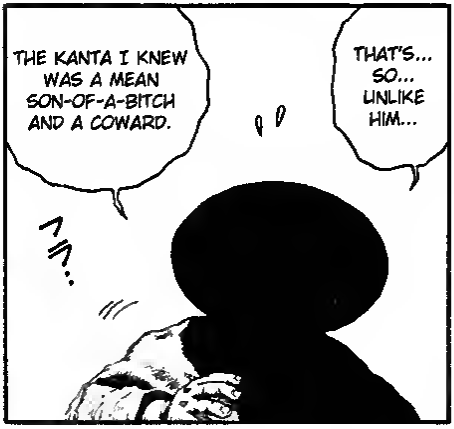
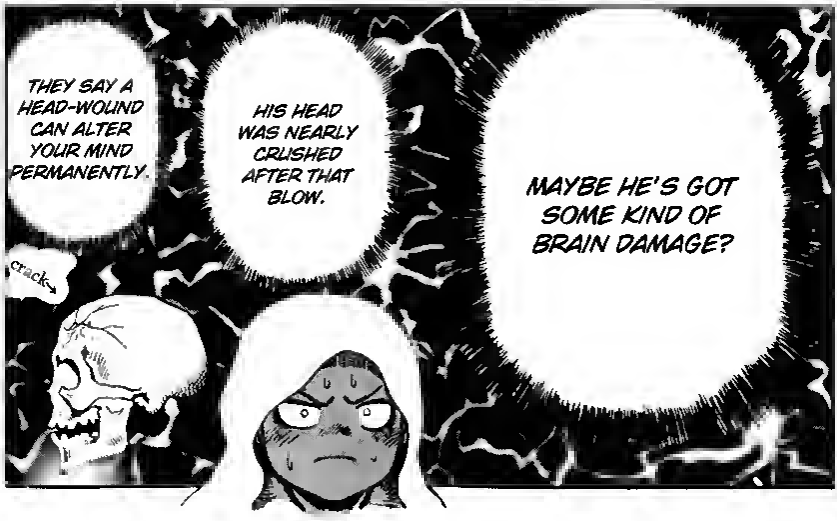
AND FOR AN OLD WOMAN TO BOOT.
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I SEE SUCH A BRIGHT SMILE ON HIS FACE.
HE...HE... HE'S WORKING FOR FREE.
WE'VE GOT TO HELP EACH OTHER OUT.
IN THIS WORLD...

SOMETHING REALLY BAD IS GOING TO HAPPEN...
I THINK IT'S A SIGN...


THE KANTA I KNEW WAS A MEAN SON-OF-A-BITCH AND A COWARD.
THAT'S... SO... UNLIKE HIM...

I UNDERSTAND ONE'S AGGRESSIVENESS CAN TEMPORARILY VANISH AFTER A TRIP TO THE HOSPITAL BUT...
IT CAN'T BE ONLY THAT.
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIM?


THEY SAY A HEAD-WOUND CAN ALTER YOUR MIND PERMANENTLY.
HIS HEAD WAS NEARLY CRUSHED AFTER THAT BLOW.
MAYBE HE'S GOT SOME KIND OF BRAIN DAMAGE?
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TURN HIM INTO A BENEVOLENT MAN?
DID THAT BLOW...
WHAT?
HEY! HARUO!
I... I... I'M GONNA TELL MY BROTH-ERS.
NOTHING...
ERR... NO...

I WAS THINKING ABOUT NATSUKO.
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THEN MY MASTER'S SUDDEN CHANGE OF ATTITUDE BECAME A POPULAR TOPIC AROUND TOWN.
I'M SCARED.
WAAHH ...
SO HE WON'T BEAT ME ANY-MORE?
IS THAT TRUE?!
WHAT ?!
HOW?
NO WAY! ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

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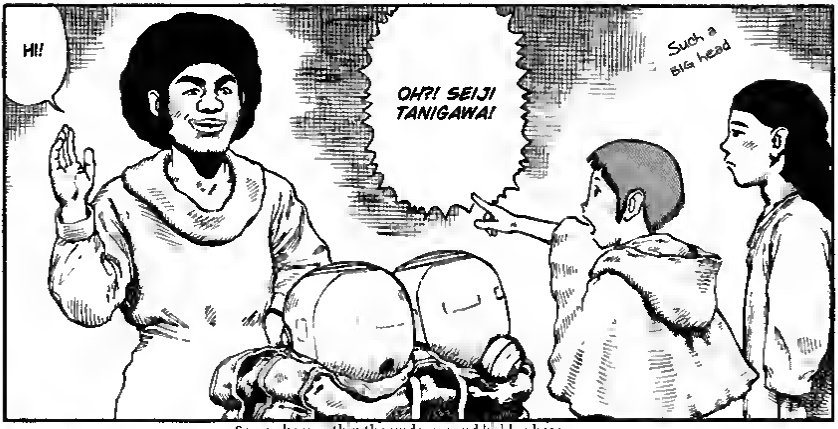
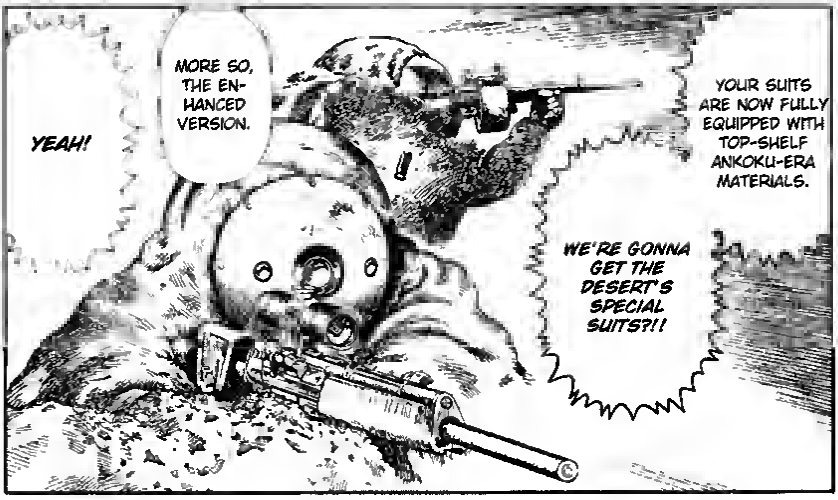
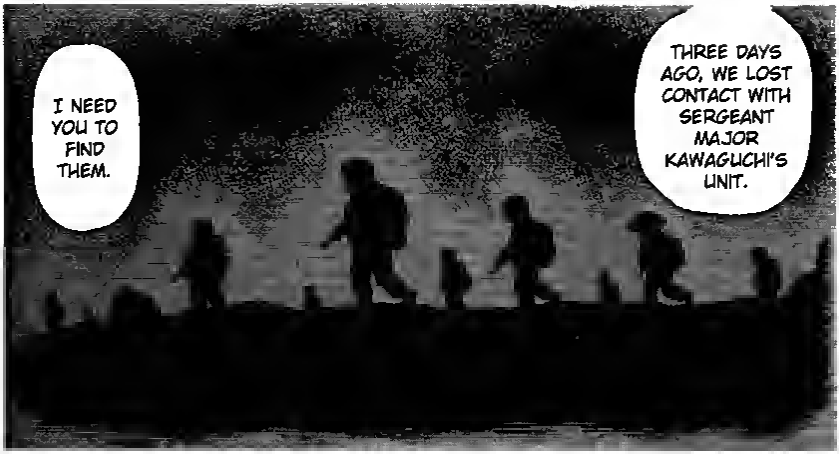
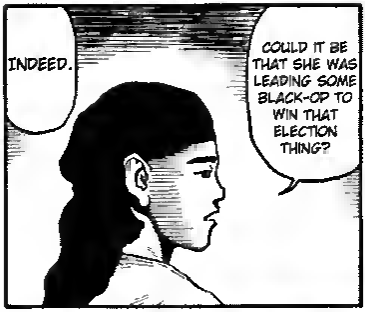


Somewhere within the underground hidden base

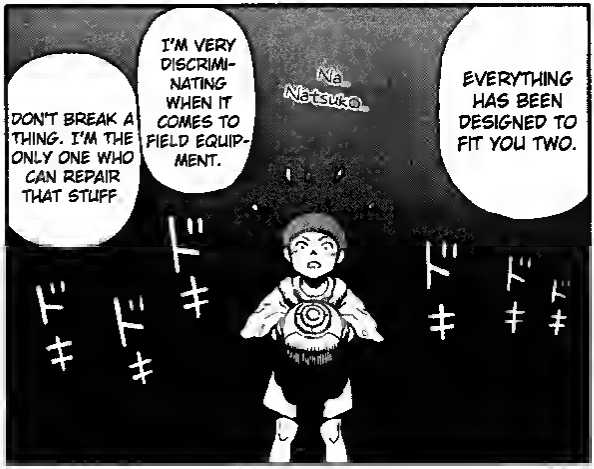

YEAH!
MORE SO, THE ENHANCED VERSION.
YOUR SUITS ARE NOW FULLY EQUIPPED WITH TOP-SHELF ANKOKU-ERA MATERIALS.
WE'RE GONNA GET THE DESERT'S SPECIAL SUITS?!!

I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE MEETING AGAIN.
AND NO-ONE WOULD HIRE ME.
I HAD NOWHERE TO GO...
SO YOU TOO JOINED THE OPPOSITION?
Whoa- It's even lighter
WE'LL HAVE TO TEST THAT.
I WANTED TO PUT THOSE NOVELTIES TO YOUR GEAR.
I'VE LEARNED MUCH IN YOUR WAKE...
I'LL INFORM YOUR MERCENARY UNION. PLEASE SAY YES.
THEN I HAVE A TASK FOR YOU.
A TASK?
The opposing party's liaison officer
YEAH, NOW WE'RE AT OUR BEST AGAIN.
DO YOU FEEL BETTER NOW?


THREE DAYS AGO, WE LOST CONTACT WITH SERGEANT MAJOR KAWAGUCHI'S UNIT.
I NEED YOU TO FIND THEM.


COULD IT BE THAT SHE WAS LEADING SOME BLACK-OP TO WIN THAT ELECTION THING?
INDEED.

WHAT? NATSUKO...


EVERYTHING HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO FIT YOU TWO.
I'M VERY DISCRIMI-NATING WHEN IT COMES TO FIELD EQUIP-MENT.
DON'T BREAK A THING. I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN REPAIR THAT STUFF
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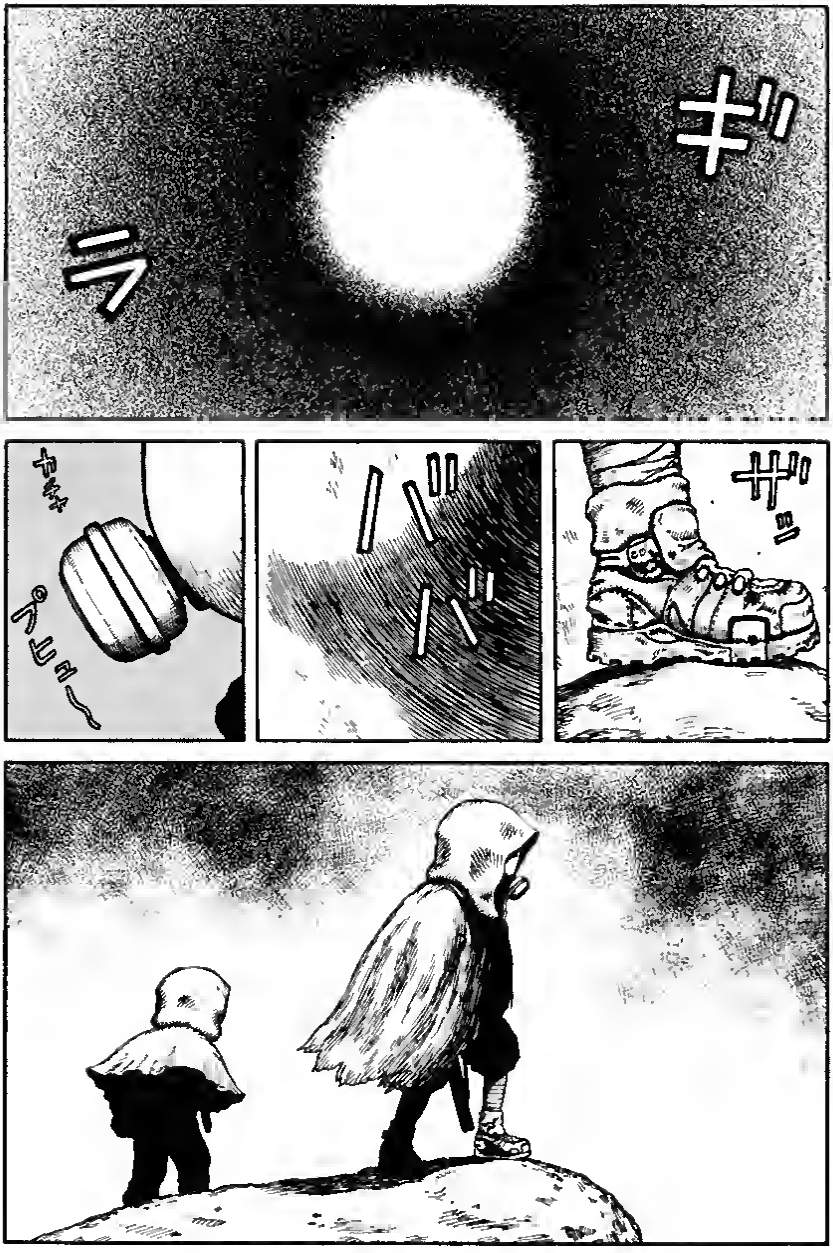
WE'RE IN.
NOW TELL US HOW TO USE THAT GEAR.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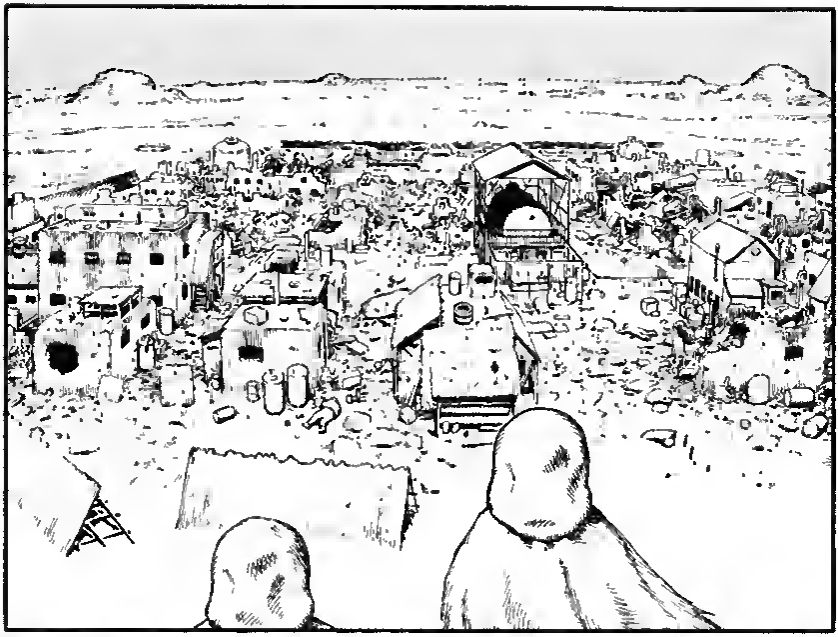

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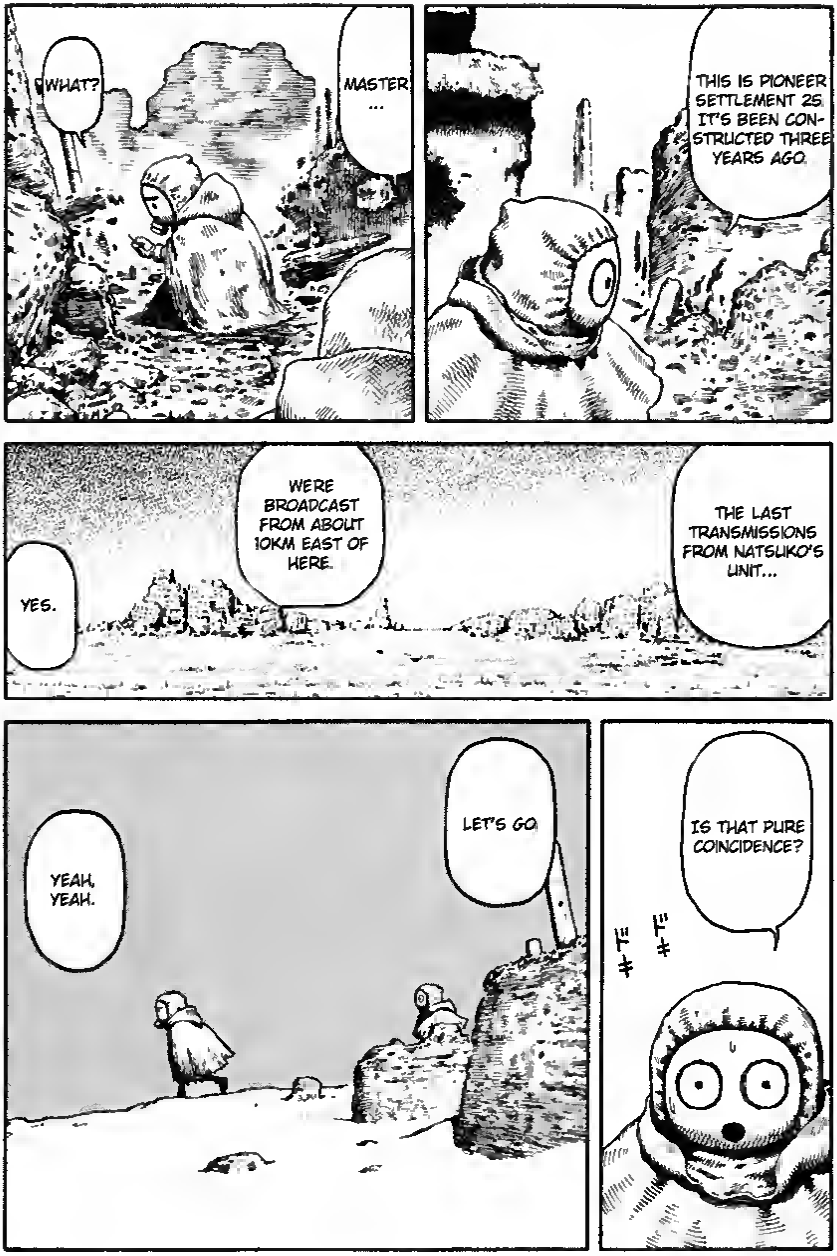
ERR... NO...
ARE YOU SCARED?
DID RAIDERS DO THAT?
THAT? THAT'S A RUINED VILLAGE ALRIGHT..
BUT THERE'S NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT IT.


WHAT?
MASTER...
THIS IS PIONEER SETTLEMENT 25. IT'S BEEN CONSTRUCTED THREE YEARS AGO.
YES.
WERE BROADCAST FROM ABOUT 10KM EAST OF HERE.
THE LAST TRANSMISSIONS FROM NATSUKO'S UNIT...
YEAH, YEAH.
LET'S GO.
IS THAT PURE COINCIDENCE?
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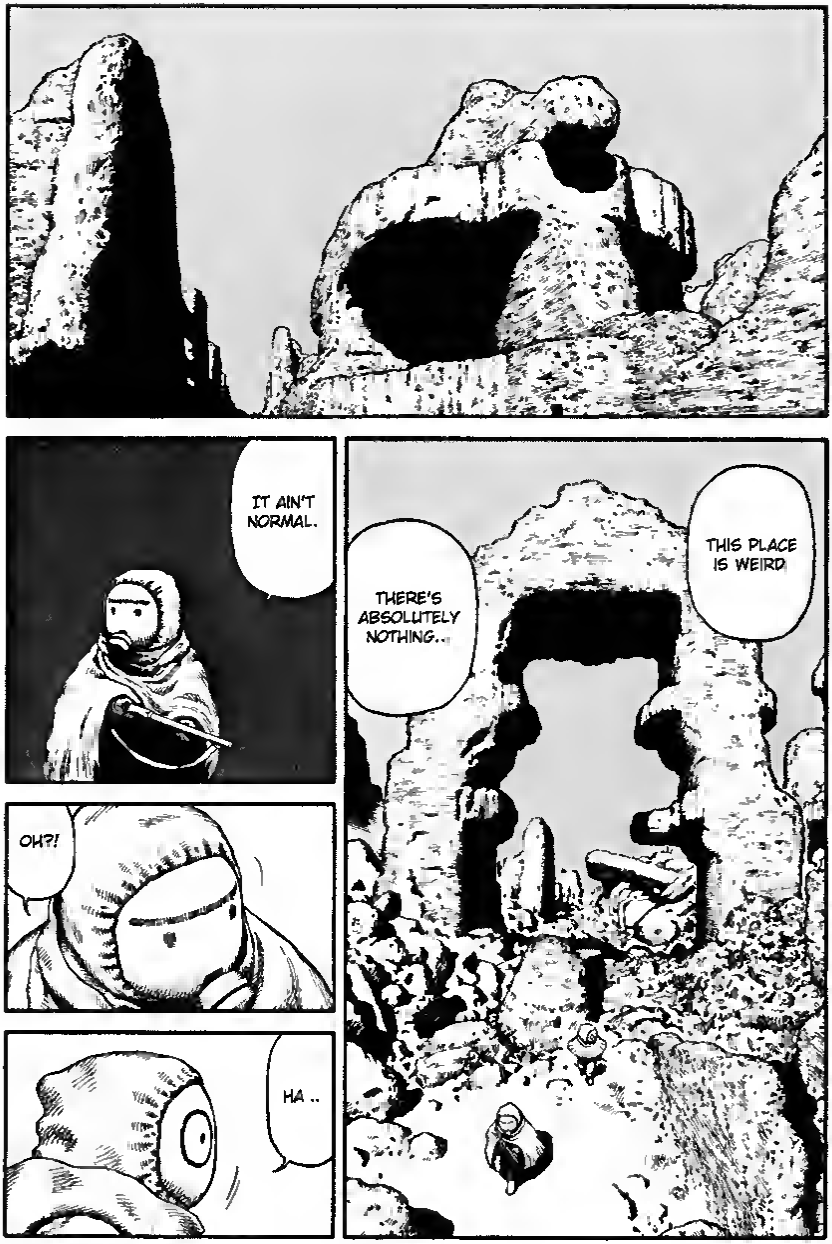
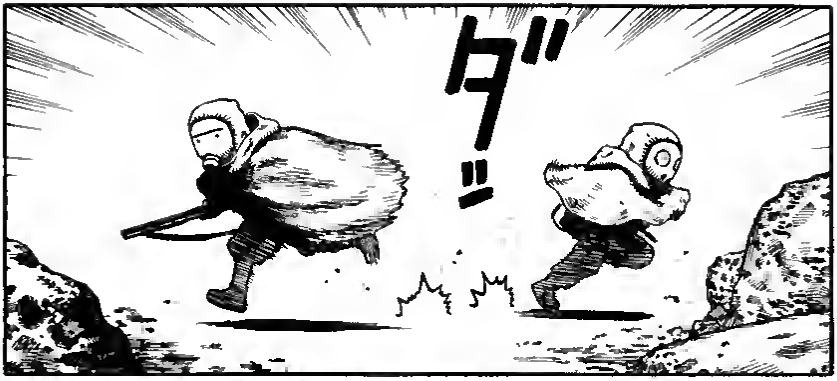

IT AIN'T NORMAL.
THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING..
THIS PLACE IS WEIRD
OH?!
HA ..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OUR DETECTION FIELD IS FAR LARGER THAN THEIRS
THAT GEAR IS AWESOME! THEY STILL HAVEN'T SEEN US.
THERE'S THREE OF THEM.

I'LL BE DAMNED.
YES.
MASTER...
HUH?
OH!
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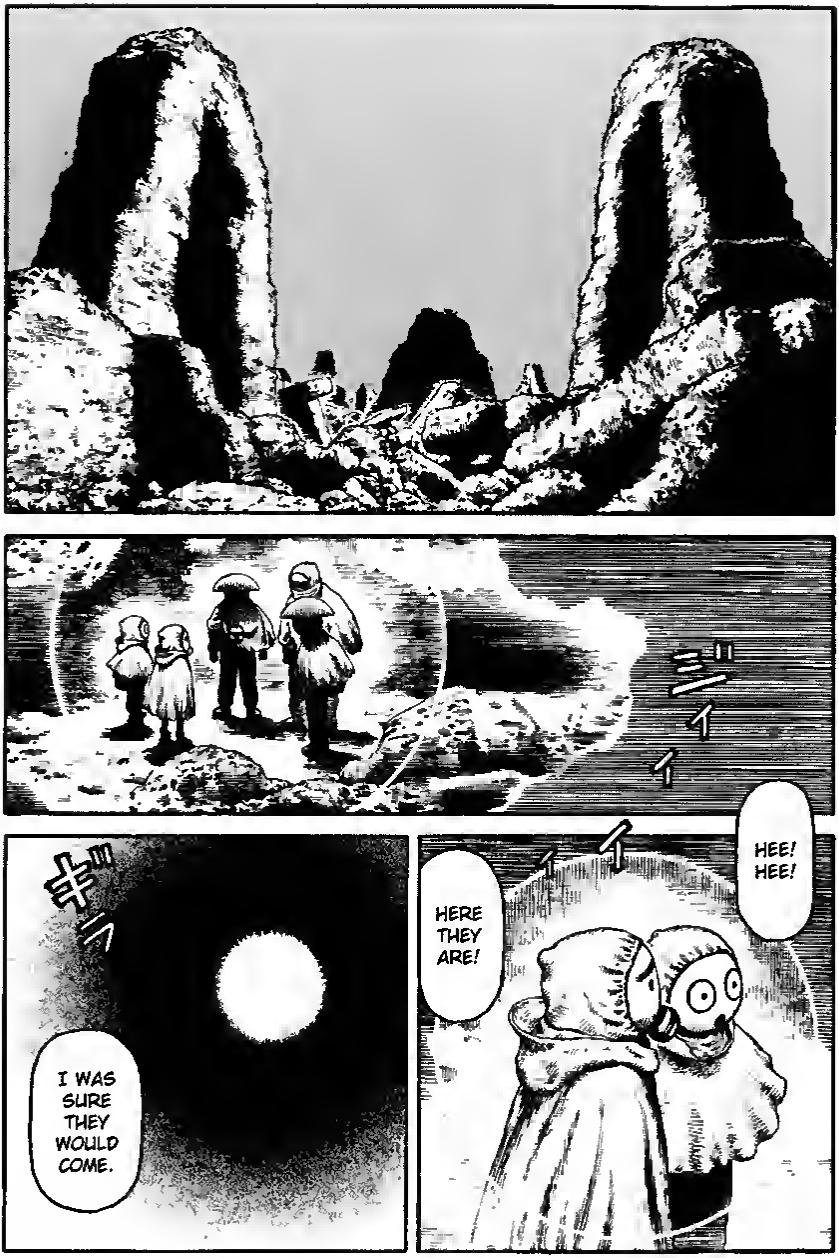
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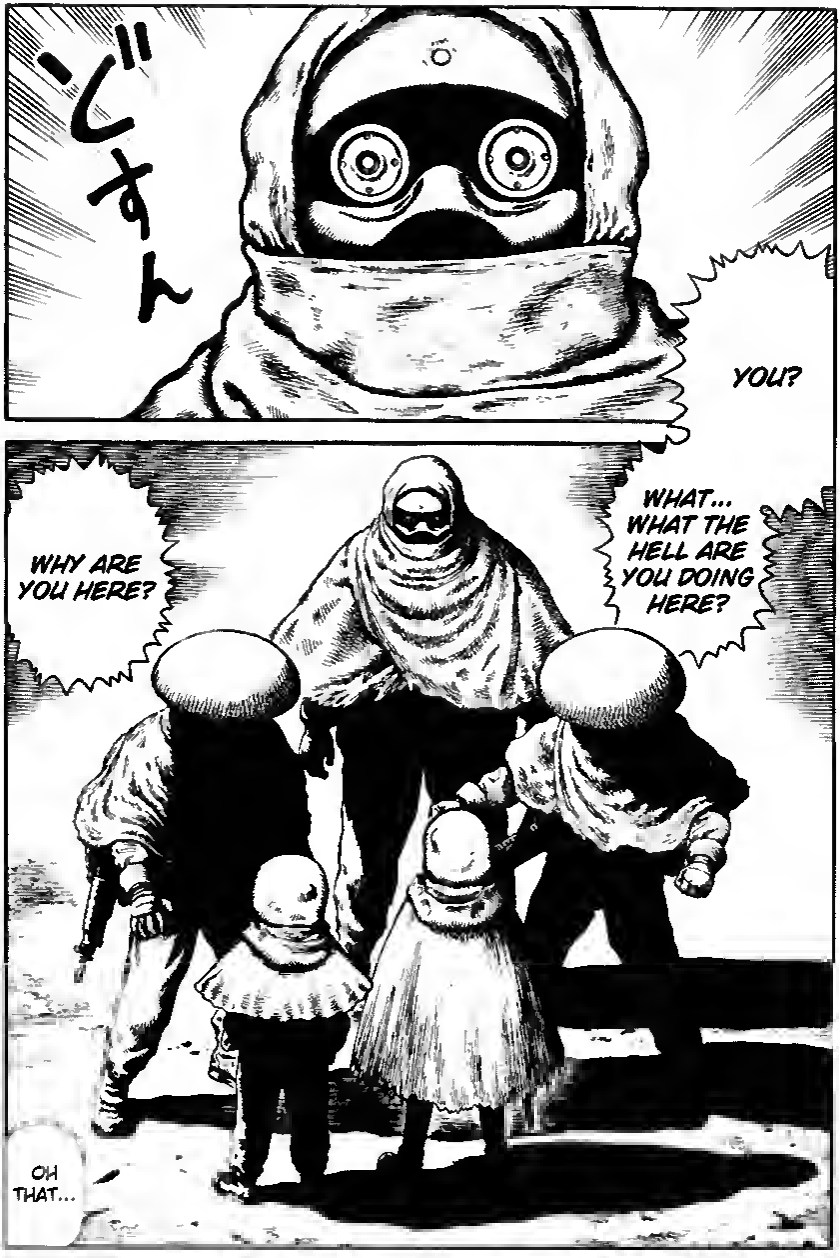
I WAS SURE THEY WOULD COME.
HERE THEY ARE!
HEE! HEE!

HEE!
HEE!
HEE!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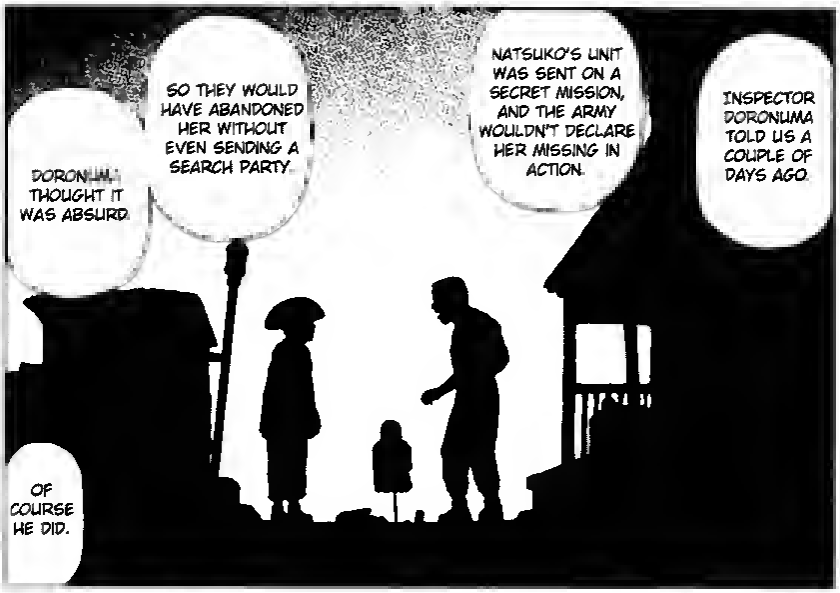
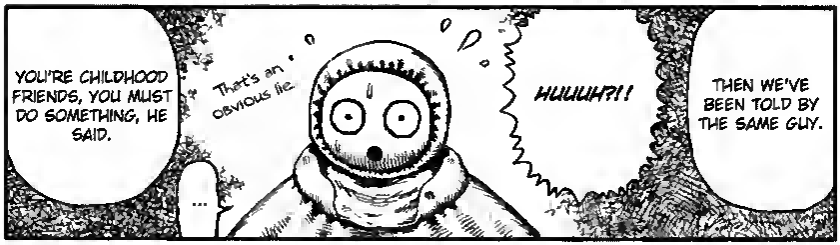
YOU?
WHAT... WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
OH THAT...

...
WHAT ABOUT YOU? I SHOULD ASK YOU THE SAME.
DON'T YOU CRY ON ME!
BOO... OOO... HOO...
SHE'S BEEN MISSING.
IT'S NATSUKO...
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?
MASTER.


INSPECTOR DORONUMA TOLD US A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO.
NATSUKO'S UNIT WAS SENT ON A SECRET MISSION, AND THE ARMY WOULDN'T DECLARE HER MISSING IN ACTION.
SO THEY WOULD HAVE ABANDONED HER WITHOUT EVEN SENDING A SEARCH PARTY.
DORONUMA THOUGHT IT WAS ABSURD.
OF COURSE HE DID.


THEN WE'VE BEEN TOLD BY THE SAME GUY.
HUUUUH?!!
That's an obvious lie.
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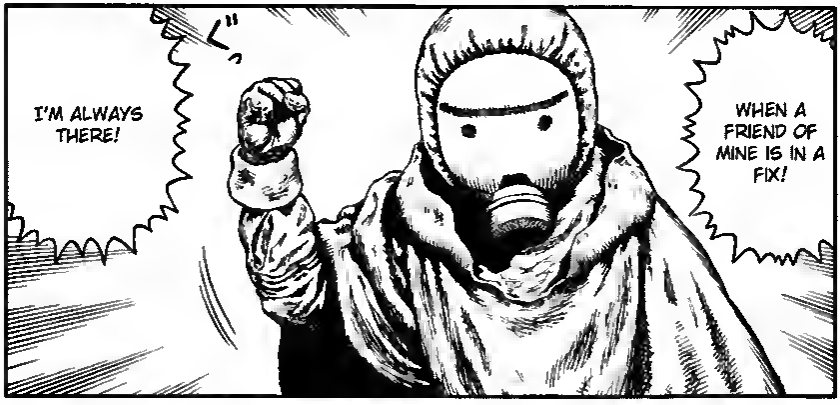
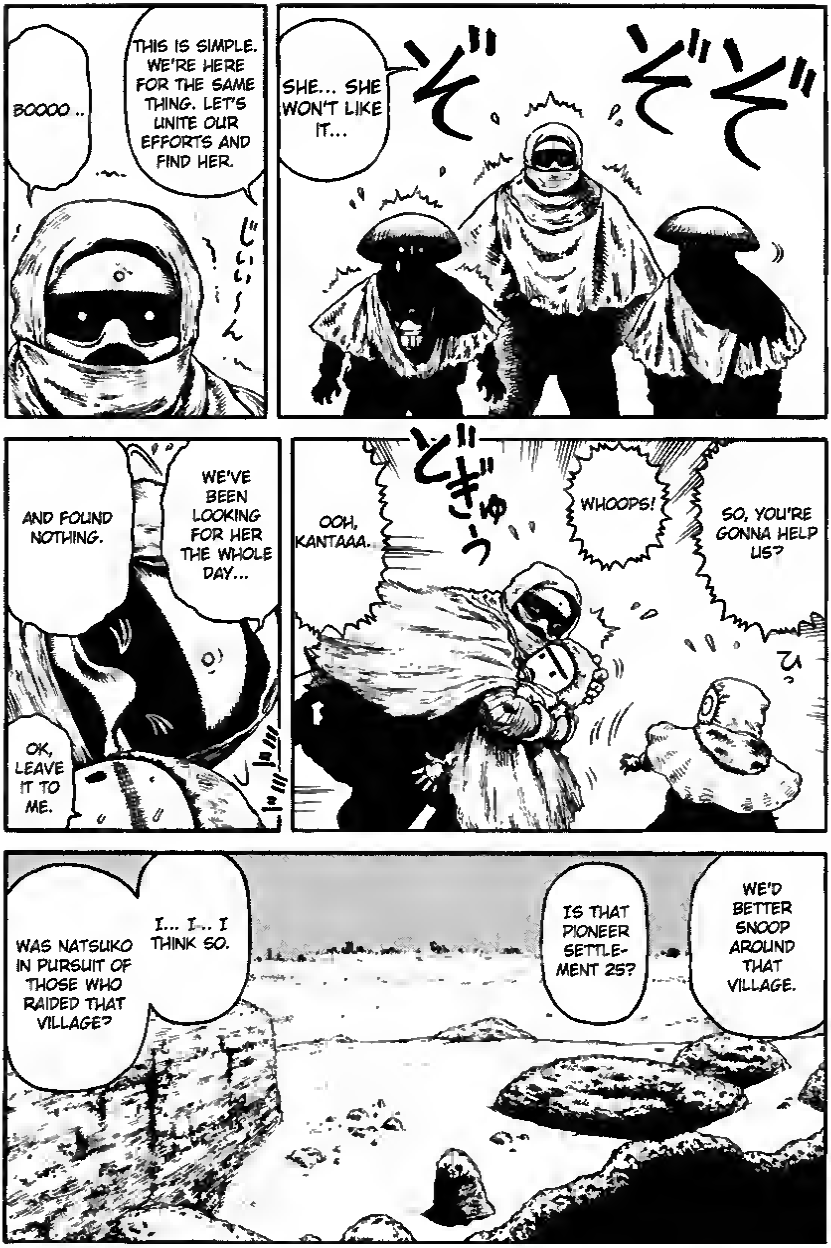
YOU'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, YOU MUST DO SOMETHING, HE SAID.


WHEN A FRIEND OF MINE IS IN A FIX!
I'M ALWAYS THERE!


THIS IS SIMPLE. WE'RE HERE FOR THE SAME THING. LET'S UNITE OUR EFFORTS AND FIND HER.
BOOOO ..
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SHE... SHE WON'T LIKE IT...
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WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR HER THE WHOLE DAY...
AND FOUND NOTHING.
OK, LEAVE IT TO ME.
OOH, KANTAAA.
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WHOOPS!
SO, YOU'RE GONNA HELP US?
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WAS NATSUKO IN PURSUIT OF THOSE WHO RAIDED THAT VILLAGE?
I... I... I THINK SO.
IS THAT PIONEER SETTLE-MENT 25?
WE'D BETTER SNOOP AROUND THAT VILLAGE.

IN ANY CASE WE MUST FIND SOME KIND OF CLUE TO GO ON.
THEY'RE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT NOT LEAVING ANY TRACE BEHIND.
NATSUKO'S UNIT IS A HIGHLY EFFICIENT GROUP.
ERR.. WELL...
WAS THAT THE SECRET MISSION?
Haruo
YOU'RE OUR LUCKY STAR...
TRULY..
ANIKI!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
THE RADIO FREQUENCY IS 13600 MHZ.
WELL, WE'RE GONNA LOOK AROUND HERE..
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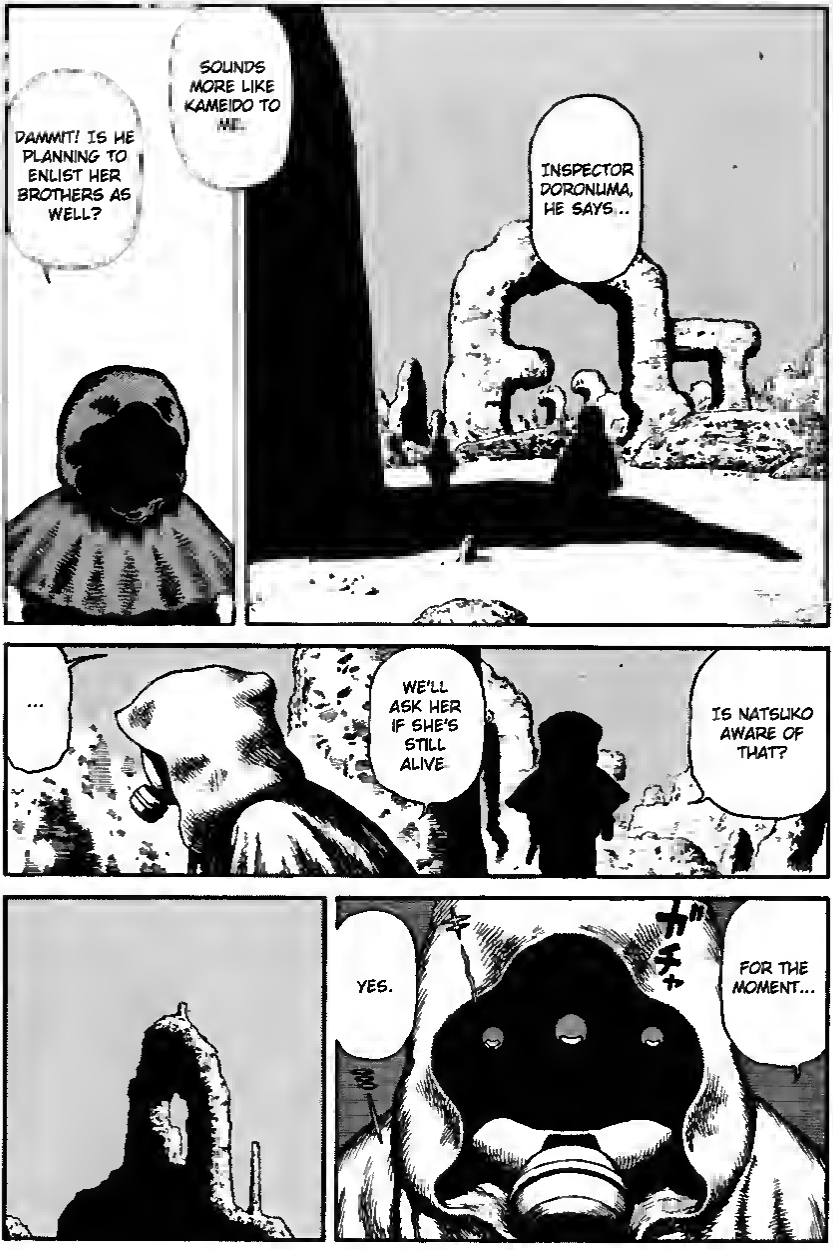
DAMMIT! IS HE PLANNING TO ENLIST HER BROTHERS AS WELL?
SOUNDS MORE LIKE KAMEIDO TO ME.
INSPECTOR DORONUMA, HE SAYS..
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WE'LL ASK HER IF SHE'S STILL ALIVE
IS NATSUKO AWARE OF THAT?
YES.
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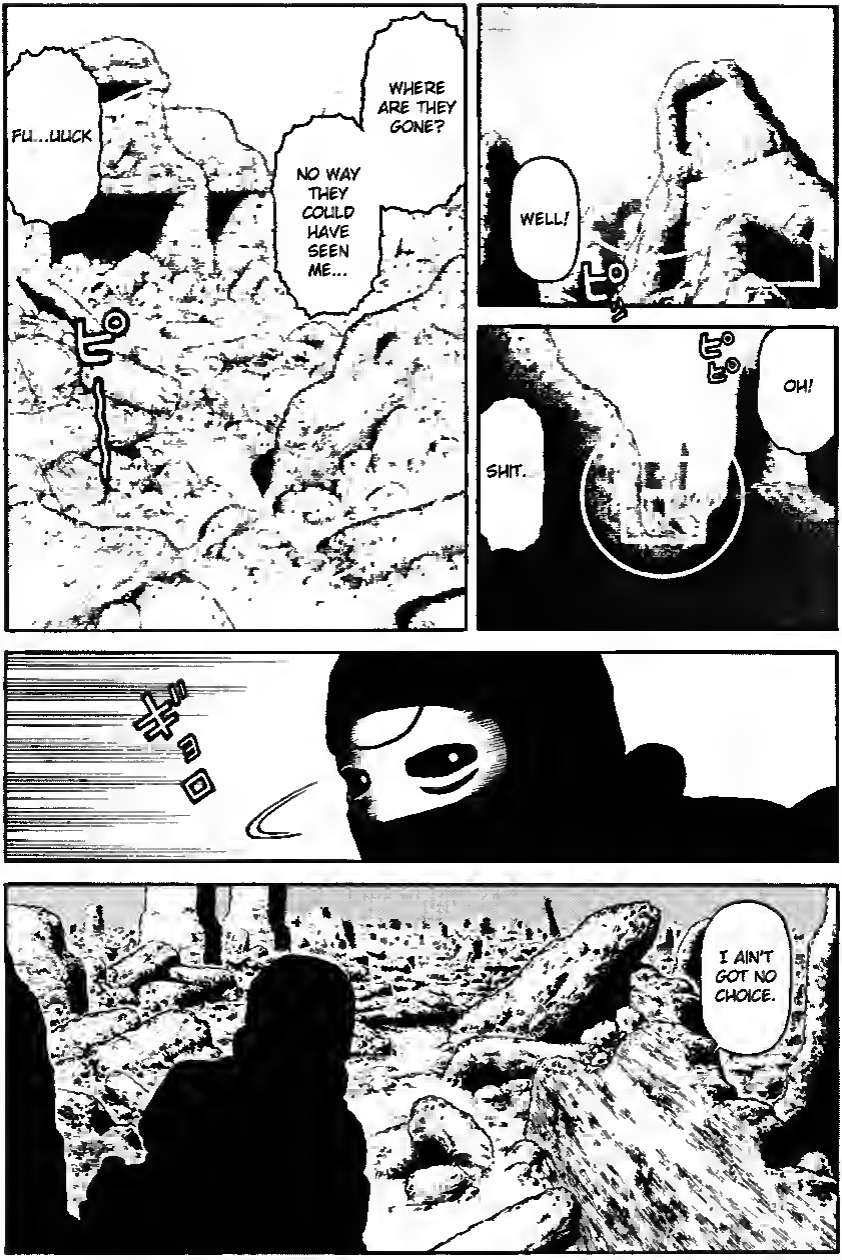
FOR THE MOMENT...


FU...UUCK
WHERE ARE THEY GONE?
NO WAY THEY COULD HAVE SEEN ME...
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WELL!
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OH!
SHIT.
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I AIN'T GOT NO CHOICE.

FURYO ..
...
STOP WASTING TIME...
NO MORE CHITCHAT.
AND KEEP YOU EYES OPEN, YOU NITWIT!
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IDIOT! HIS MIND HASN'T CHANGED.
HE... HE'S... HE'S WEIRD, IS HE NOT?
KANTA.
WHO IS?
DON'T YOU THINK HE'S WEIRD?
WHOA... OKAY, I APOLOGIZE.
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SOUNDS MORE LIKE YOU DON'T GET IT.
PFF!
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WHOAAA!
STRAIGHT AHEAD, UNDER THE ROCKS, 200M AWAY FROM US.
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WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?
WHAT... THE HELL WAS THAT?
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WHO THE FUCK ARE WE DEALING WITH?
WOOO!
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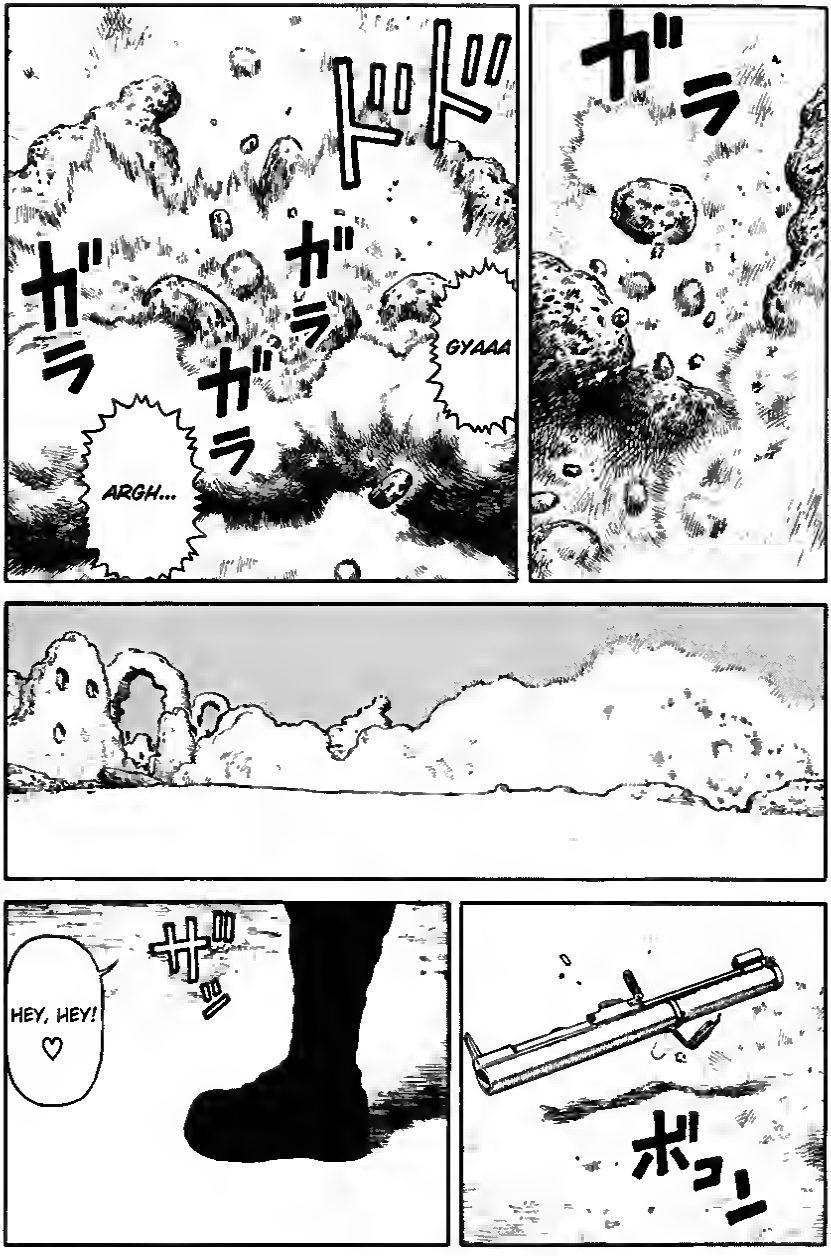
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HEY, HEY!
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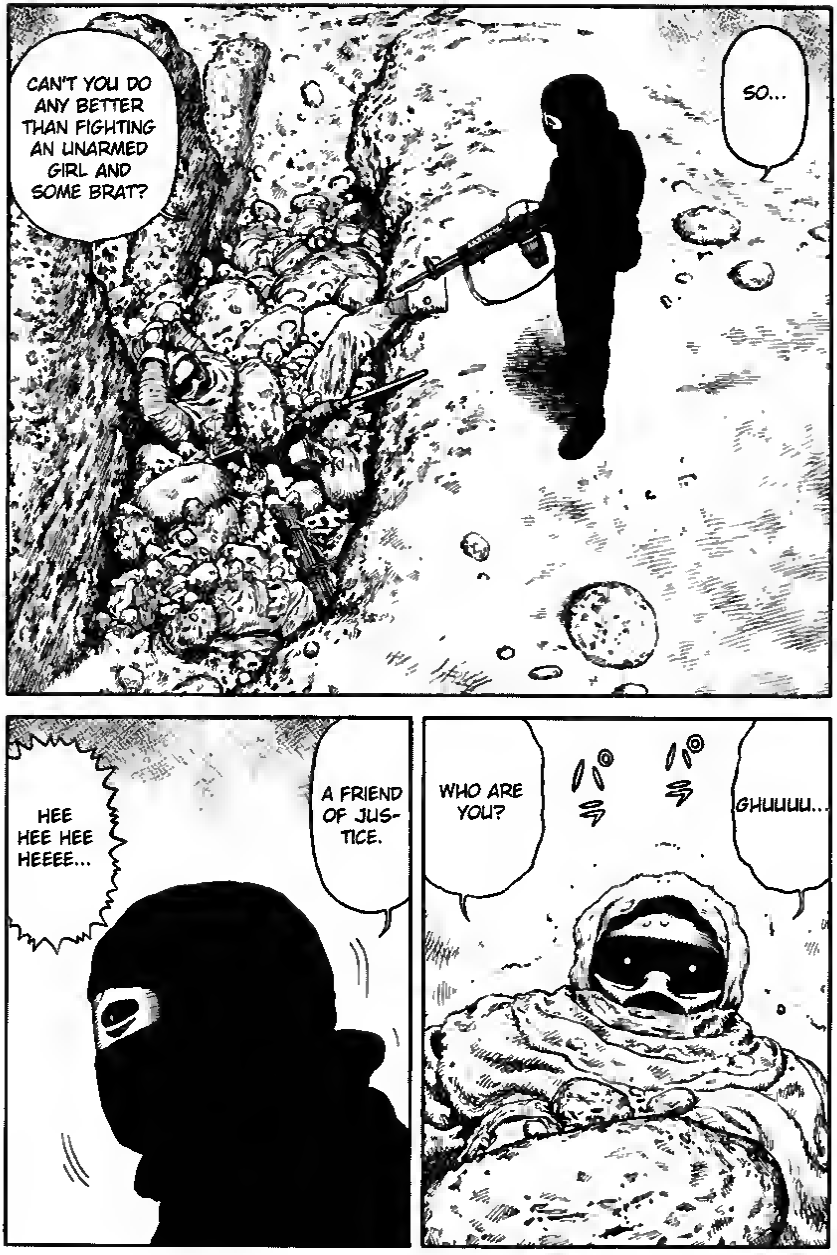
CAN'T YOU DO ANY BETTER THAN FIGHTING AN UNARMED GIRL AND SOME BRAT?
SO...
HEE HEE HEE HEEEE...
A FRIEND OF JUS-TICE.
WHO ARE YOU?
GHUUUUU...

DON'T LIE TO ME. I SAW YOU TOGETHER.
WHAT OTH-ERS?
I'LL HAVE TO USE YOU AS BAIT.
THE NOISE WILL DRAW THE OTHERS LIKE FLIES.
I WON'T KILL YOU RIGHT NOW.
DO NOT HOPE FOR A QUICK DEATH.
THAT WIPED THAT SETTLE-MENT OUT...
FILTHY DESERT COCK-ROACHES...
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CUT THE CRAP OR WE'RE...
HEY YOU!

DON'T TRY TO BE A SMARTASS
ARGH...
GHUU...
Asshole!
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HEY! DID YOU DESTROY THAT VILLAGE?
IT'S KANTA..
THE RUNT?!
NO?!
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AAAH!!

THE VOICE OF AN IM-POTENT MAN.
I KNOW THAT VOICE.
NYA! HA! HA!
ARGH!
AIN'T THAT RIGHT?
HEE! HEE! HEE!
OR I'LL SHOOT YOUR FRIEND HERE!
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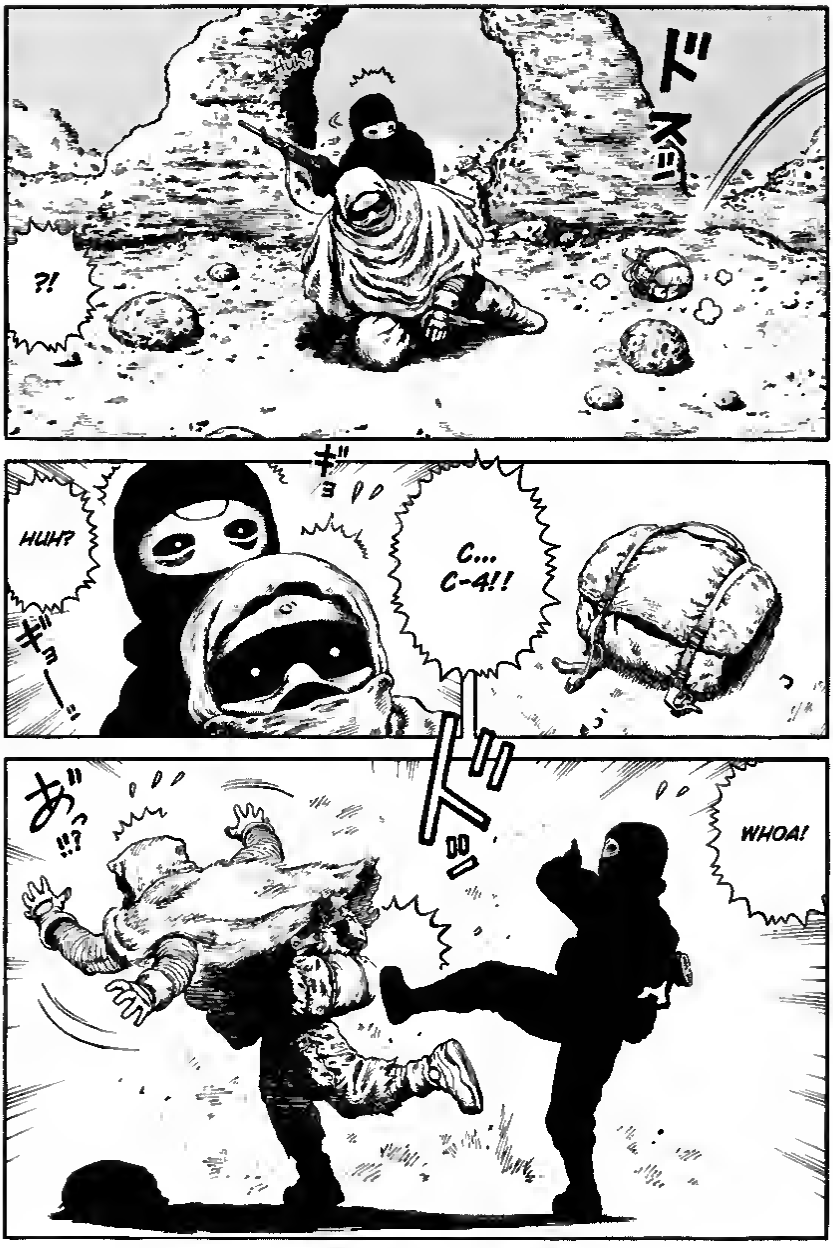
SHOW YOURSELF!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HUH?
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WHOA!

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GET DOWN THAT HOLE!
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OUCH!
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SHIT...
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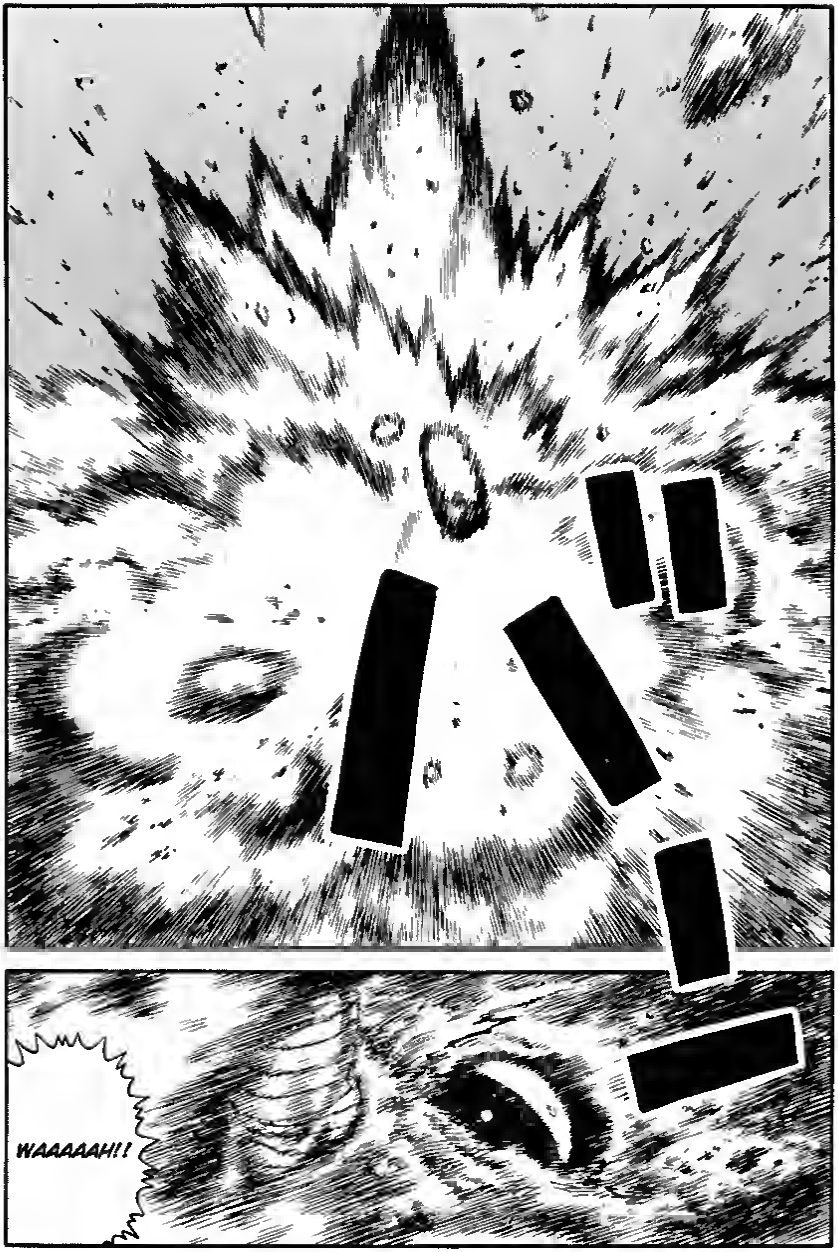
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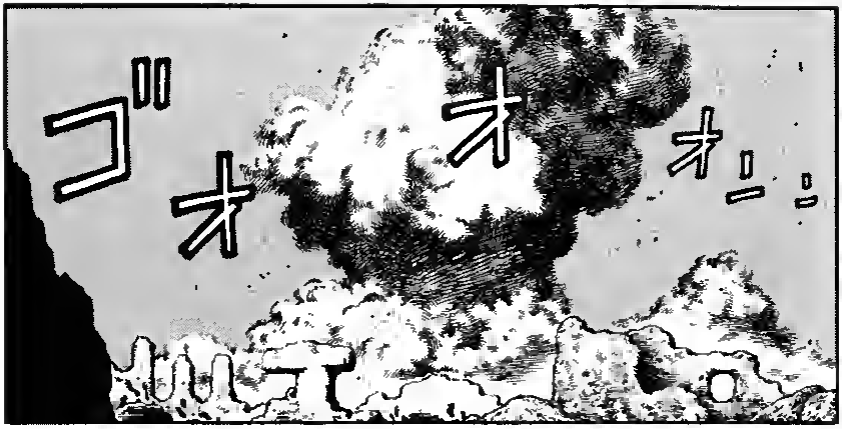
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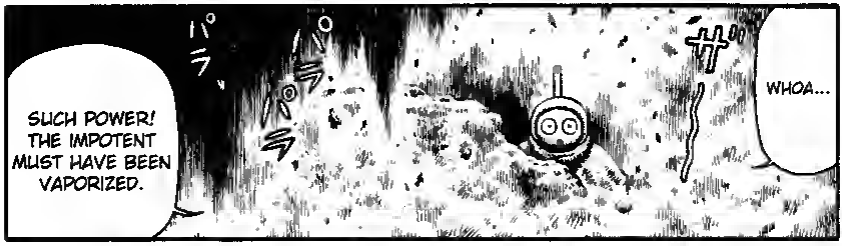
SUCH POWER! THE IMPOTENT MUST HAVE BEEN VAPORIZED.
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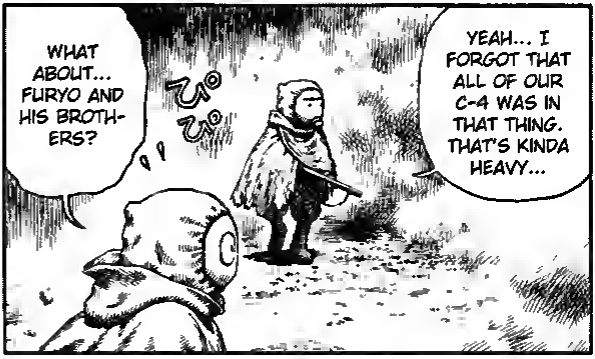
WHOA...

HEY! LOOK!


WHAT ABOUT... FURYO AND HIS BROTHERS?
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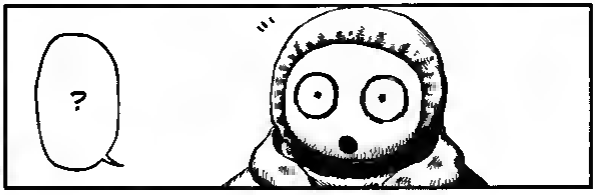
YEAH... I FORGOT THAT ALL OF OUR C-4 WAS IN THAT THING. THAT'S KINDA HEAVY...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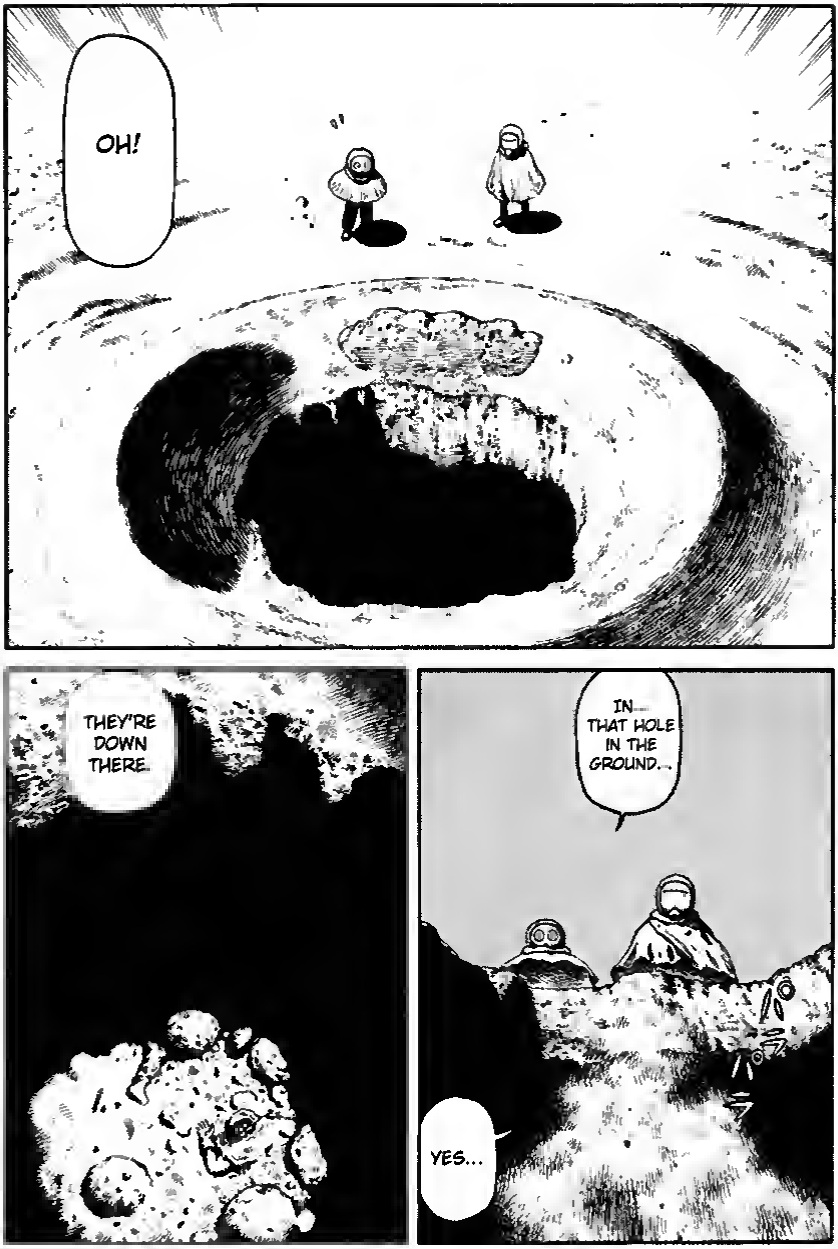
OH!
THEY'RE DOWN THERE.
IN... THAT HOLE IN THE GROUND...
YES...

WHAT KIND OF OVERREACTION WAS THAT?
Ow!
Ouch!
I'M RELIEVED YOU'RE ALRIGHT.

I THOUGHT ABOUT SETTING A TRAP, BUT I WAS ALREADY ONE STEP BEHIND.
PCA
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY CHOICE. WHEN I SAW THAT GUY WAS ON TO YOU...

DOESN'T MATTER.

YOU USED US AS BAIT...
You could have killed us!
YOU... YOU... YOU COULD HAVE WARNED US BY RADIO!
Still, you're alive.

...
OUR ATTACKER I MEAN. YOU KNOW HIM, DON'T YOU?
YOU KNOW HIM...
HE'S ONE OF NATSUKO'S ENEMIES

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WHAT?
I MET NATSUKO DURING ONE OF HER SECRET MISSIONS.
BACK THEN, SHE WAS HAVING TROUBLE WITH THAT GUY.
SO WE GOT OURSELVES INVOLVED...
AND ENDED UP AT THE HOSPITAL.
THAT MEANS THAT GUY IS STILL AROUND THE PLACE SHE DISAPPEARED...
BUT, THEN...
IT'S OKAY.
IT'S NOT OVER YET, OUR FOE STILL DOESN'T KNOW MUCH.
LET'S WORRY ABOUT...

THE REAL PROBLEM HERE. THAT PROBLEM.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SEEING THIS IN AN UNDERGROUND RUIIN.
IS THAT SO.
MY HEART IS BEATING LIKE THAT OF A GIRL IN LOVE FOR THE FIRST TIME.
I HAVE THAT BAD FEELING AGAIN.
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF SOME IMPORTANT SITE.
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WELL.
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT. THE LAST MESSAGE WAS BROADCAST UNDERGROUND. ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.
WE DIDN'T FIND ANY TRAIL IN THE OUTER RUIINS.
HUH? WHAT?
I'M GOING TO CHECK AROUND DOWN THERE.
WHAT DO WE DO?

KANTA WILL LEAD US INTO SOME TRAP AGAIN.
WHAT? WHY OF COURSE!
GET READY TO GO DOWN!

THE OPPOSING PARTY SURE LIKES IT UNDER-GROUND
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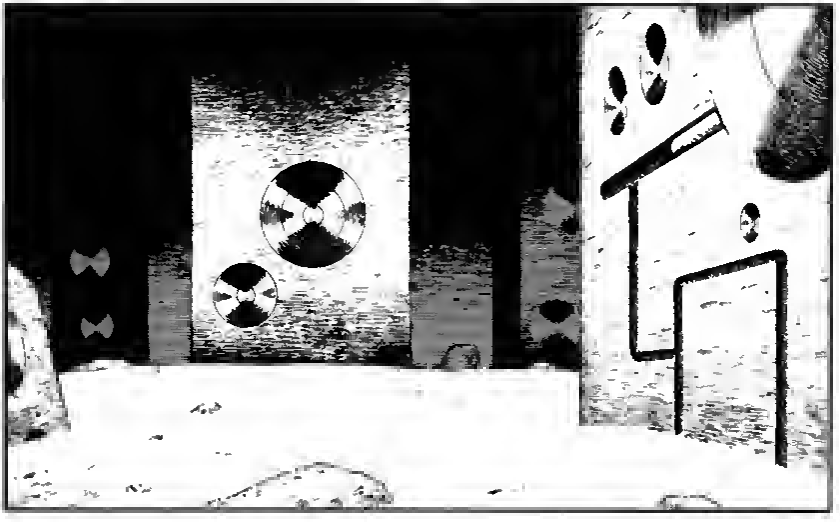
NATSUKO'S HERE. I'M SURE OF IT.



GHUUU
IF IT ISN'T NANPA? I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOME GARBAGE OF OLD
PFF
WHAT'S UP? WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO KEEP WATCH OUTSIDE?
CAN'T YOU TELL BY THE WAY I LOOK?

WHEN THE C-4 EXPLODED, I WAS BLOWN 20M HIGH
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? DID YOU TAKE CARE OF THEM?
THE ENEMY GOT SOME REINFORCE-MENTS
WHAT?
I WAS IN A BAD SHAPE AGAIN. I THOUGHT I WAS LOOKING LIKE SOME BEGGAR FROM THE WASTES
TWO OF THEM GOT THE SAME OUTFIT AS YOU
They spotted me.
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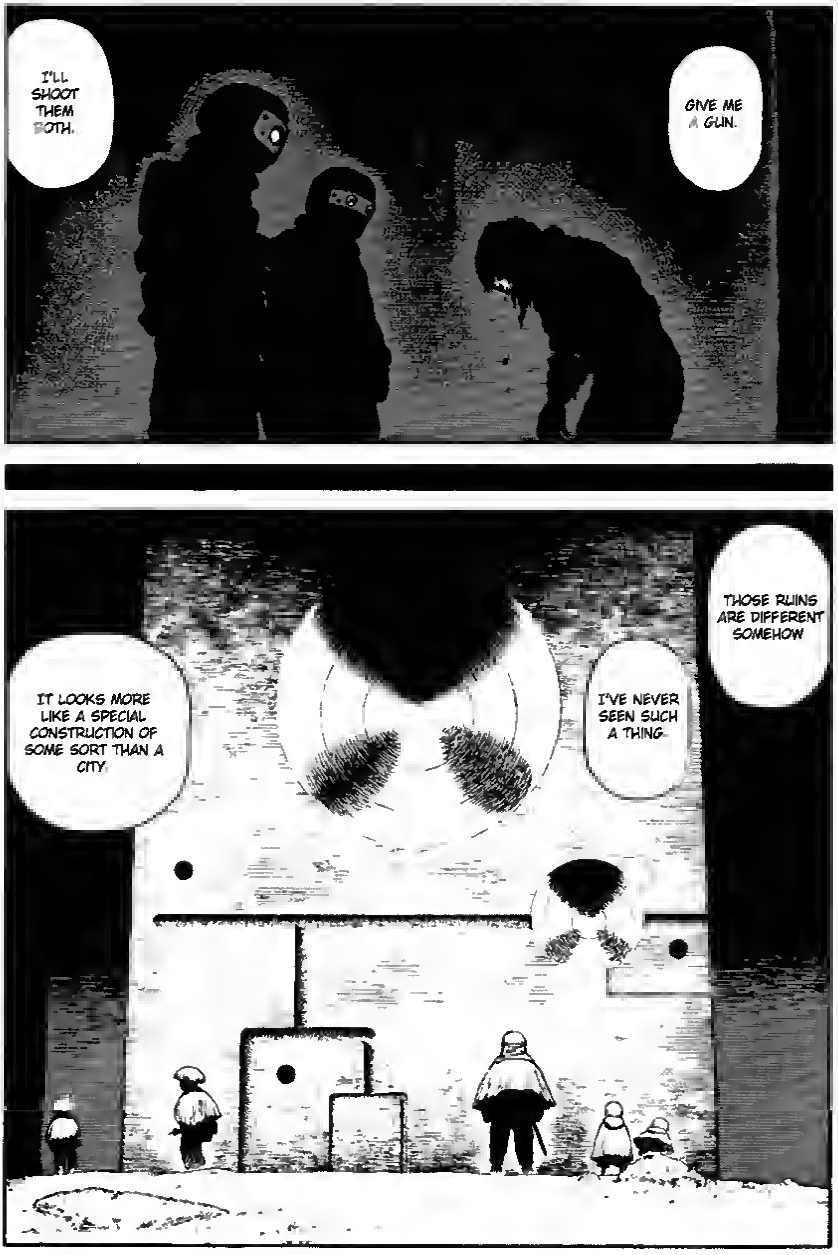
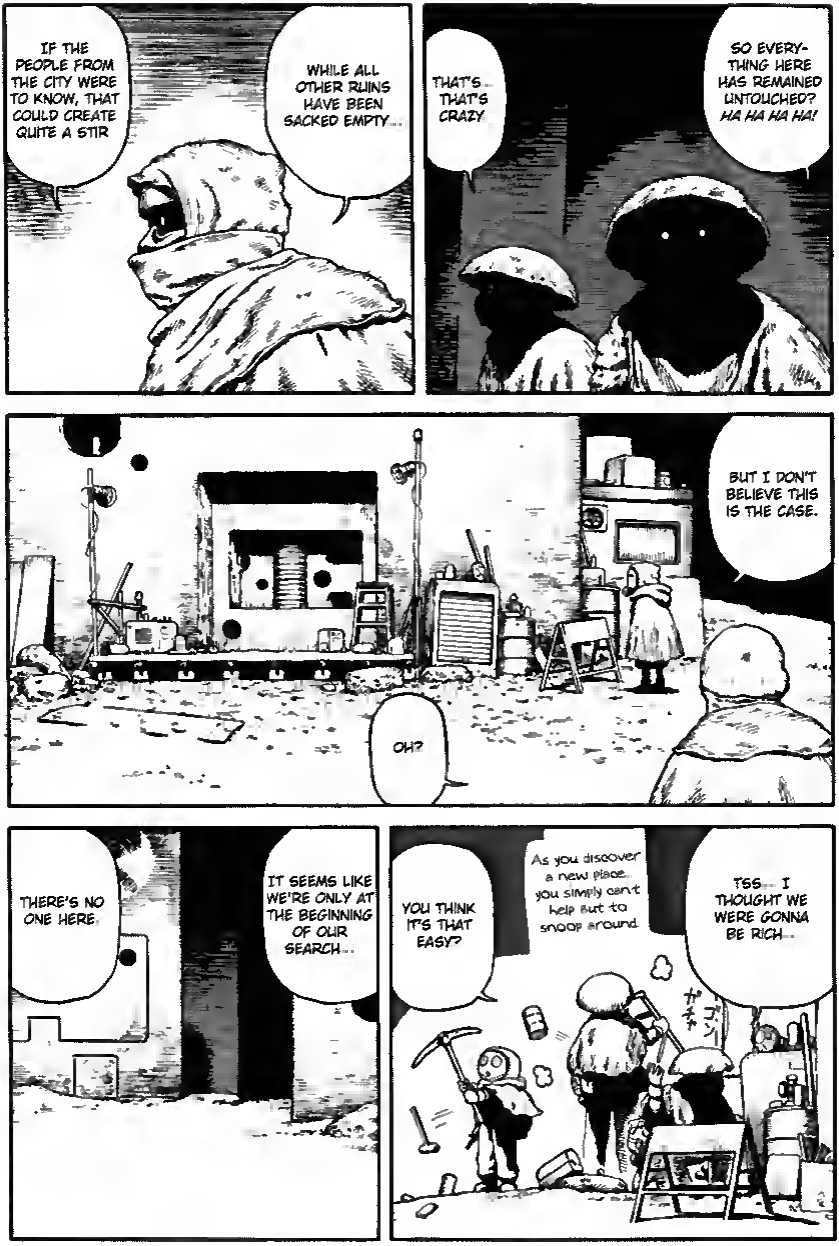
THAT'S A PROBLEM INDEED


I'LL SHOOT THEM BOTH.
GIVE ME A GUN.
IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION OF SOME SORT THAN A CITY.
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A THING.
THOSE RUINS ARE DIFFERENT SOMEHOW


IF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CITY WERE TO KNOW, THAT COULD CREATE QUITE A STIR
WHILE ALL OTHER RUINS HAVE BEEN SACKED EMPTY...
THAT'S... THAT'S CRAZY
SO EVERY-THING HERE HAS REMAINED UNTOUCHED? HA HA HA HA!
BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THIS IS THE CASE.
OH?
THERE'S NO ONE HERE.
IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE ONLY AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR SEARCH...
YOU THINK IT'S THAT EASY?
As you discover a new place... you simply can't help but to snoop around.
TSS... I THOUGHT WE WERE GONNA BE RICH...
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THEY PRETENDED TO DIG A WELL WHILE ACTUALLY THEY WERE EXCAVATING THOSE RUINS?
THAT SOUNDS LOGICAL.
COULD IT BE THAT WE'RE BELOW PIONEER SETTLEMENT 2?
WHAT?!
SUCH REMAINS WILL BE DESTROYED EVENTUALLY.
I REMEMBER THERE WAS SOME LITIGATION OVER THE ACT OF PROPERTY.
OH?
WE'VE FOUND THE TRACKS OF THREE PEOPLE AND SOME BLOOD TOO!
MASTER!
NATSUKO DISAPPEARANCE HAS PROBLABLY SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS

THERE'S NO WAY HE'S STILL ALIVE AFTER THAT EXPLOSION
IMPOSSIBLE!
OH!
HE'S ALIVE
IT'S HIM
IT'S STILL WARM.
It has just been spilled.
Blood
AT THAT TIME, WE WERE COMPLETELY OUT OF IT. WE DIDN'T SEE WELL.
IS HE AS STRONG AS YOU SAY?
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MAYBE HE REALLY IS A GHOST?
HE CARRIED ME WITH ONLY ONE ARM, AS IF I WAS JUST A BABY
HIS STRENGTH IS THE STUFF OF LEGENDS!

WE'RE HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING RID OF HIM...
AND SOON, HE WON'T BE THE ONLY ONE TO GIVE US A HARD TIME.
THE OTHER DAY WHEN NATSUKO'S MEN RIDDLED HIM WITH BULLETS...
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HE STILL MANAGED TO ESCAPE
NATSUKO HAS BEEN FIGHTING THOSE GUYS FOR FOUR DAYS
WHAT... WHAT CAN WE HOPE TO DO AGAINST THEM?
A WHOLE PLATOON OF THOSE INVULNERABLE GHOST FREAKS?
LET'S FIND NATSUKO!
LET'S GO!
WELL... OKAY...
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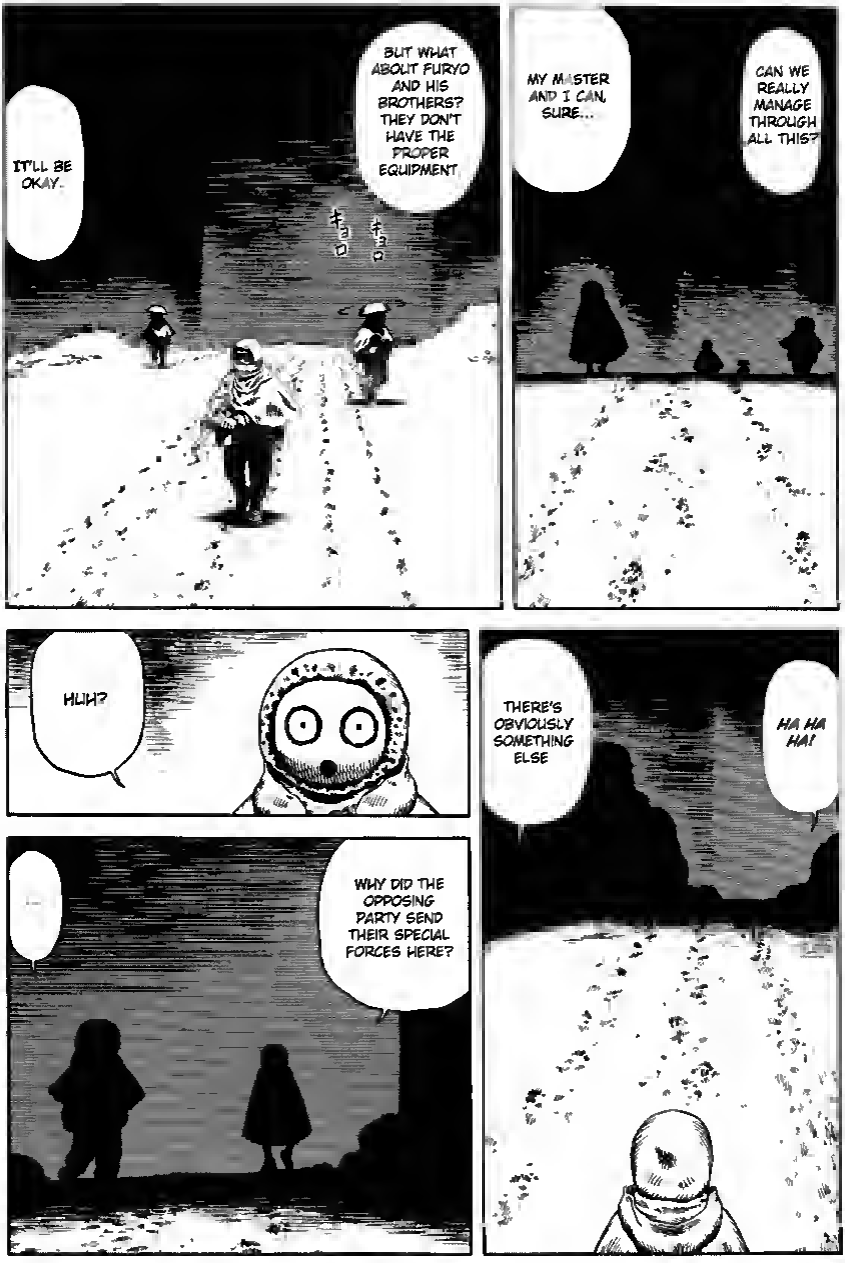
IT'LL BE OKAY.
BUT WHAT ABOUT FURYO AND HIS BROTHERS? THEY DON'T HAVE THE PROPER EQUIPMENT
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MY MASTER AND I CAN, SURE...
CAN WE REALLY MANAGE THROUGH ALL THIS?
HUH?
...
WHY DID THE OPPOSING PARTY SEND THEIR SPECIAL FORCES HERE?
THERE'S OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING ELSE
HA HA HA!

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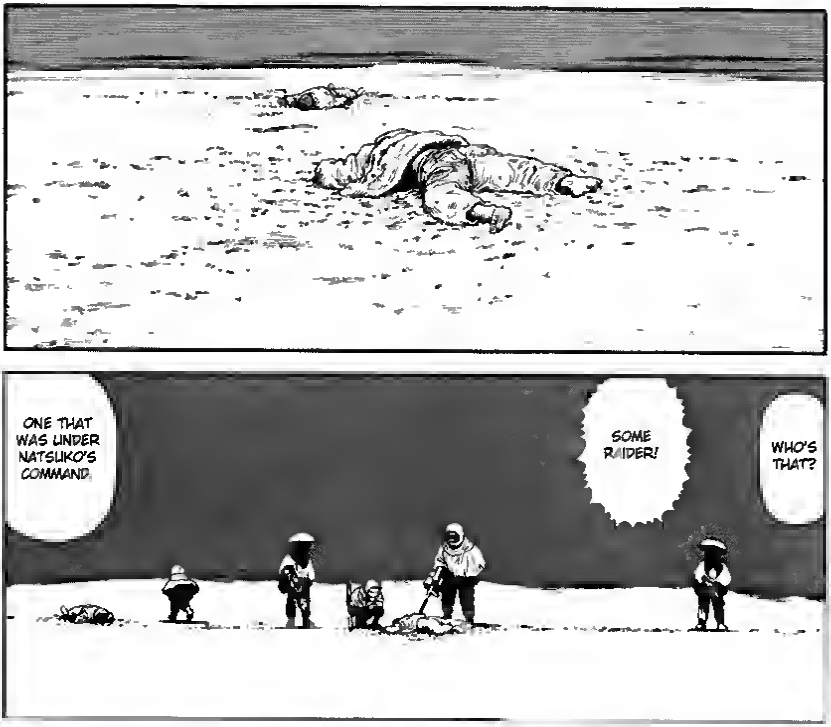
HEE! HEE! HEE! HEE!
...
DON'T GET TOO EXCITED. WE'RE LEAVING THEM TO YOU ANYWAY...
PESTERING BASTARDS ...
FUCK THEM.
WE'LL MAKE THE MOST OF IT.
THEY TOOK THE TROUBLE TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS...


ONE THAT WAS UNDER NATSUKO'S COMMAND.
SOME RAIDER!
WHO'S THAT?
GREAT! THAT MEANS WE'RE NOW FOLLOWING THEIR TRAIL!
NATSUKO'S UNIT CAME FROM THE EAST AND HEADED NORTH FROM HERE
I'M SURE OF IT.
I KNOW HIS FACE
YEAH, HE'S ONE OF THOSE FAKE RAIDERS.
WHAT?
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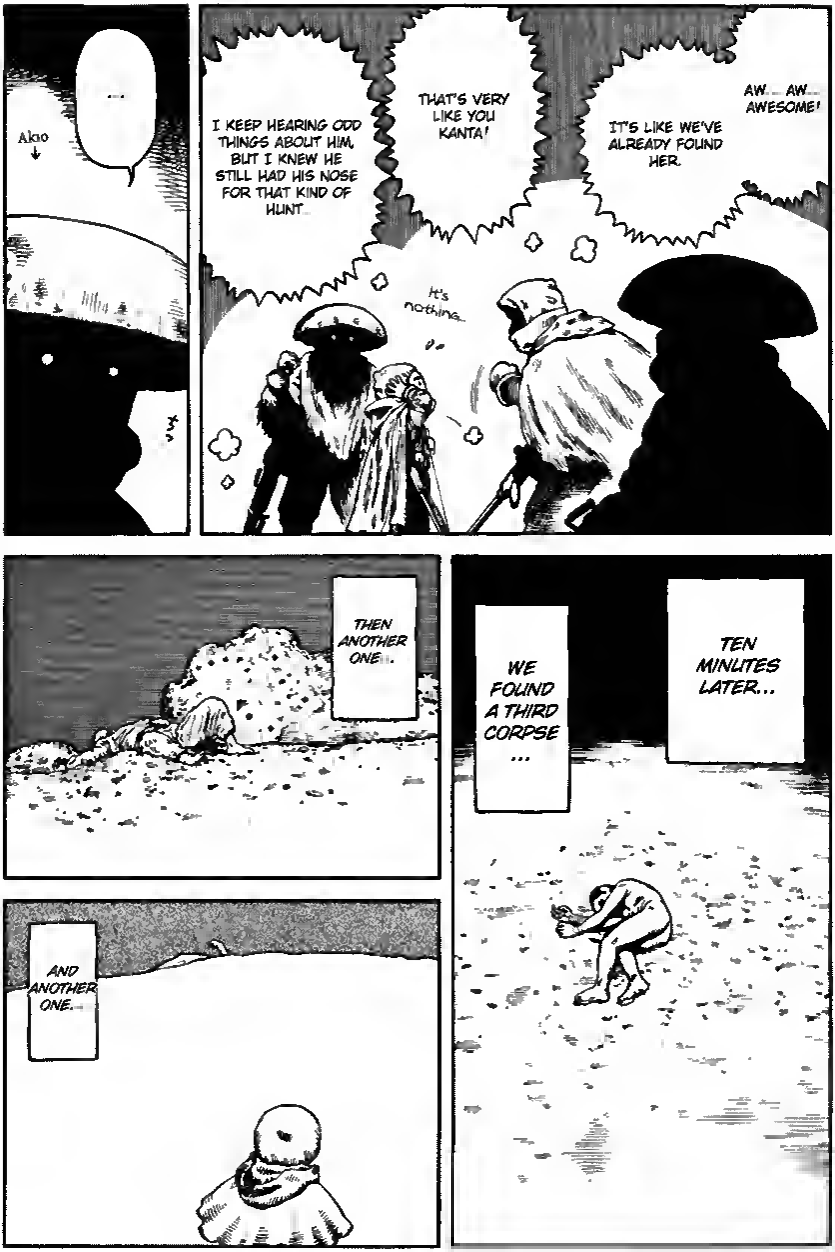
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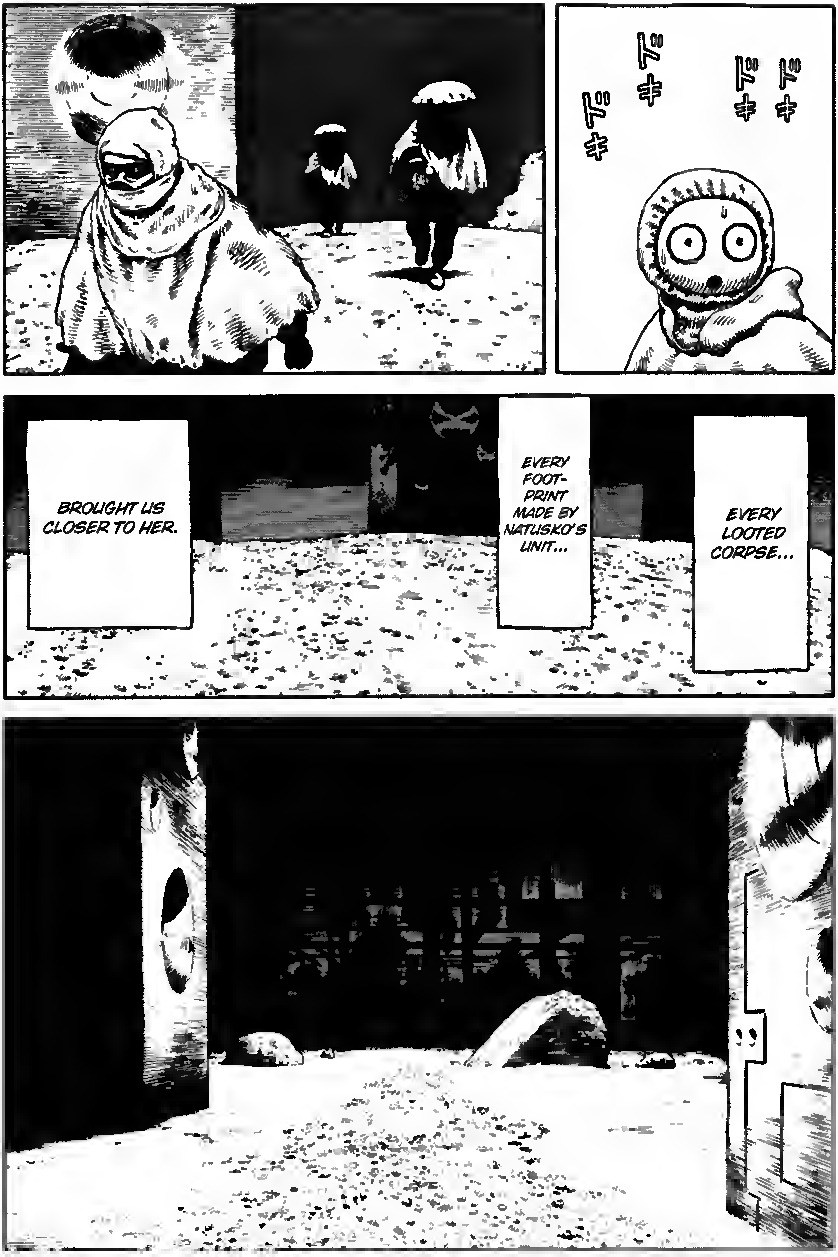
I KEEP HEARING ODD THINGS ABOUT HIM, BUT I KNEW HE STILL HAD HIS NOSE FOR THAT KIND OF HUNT...
THAT'S VERY LIKE YOU KANTA!
IT'S LIKE WE'VE ALREADY FOUND HER.
AW... AW... AWESOME!
It's nothing.
THEN ANOTHER ONE...
AND ANOTHER ONE...
WE FOUND A THIRD CORPSE ...
TEN MINUTES LATER...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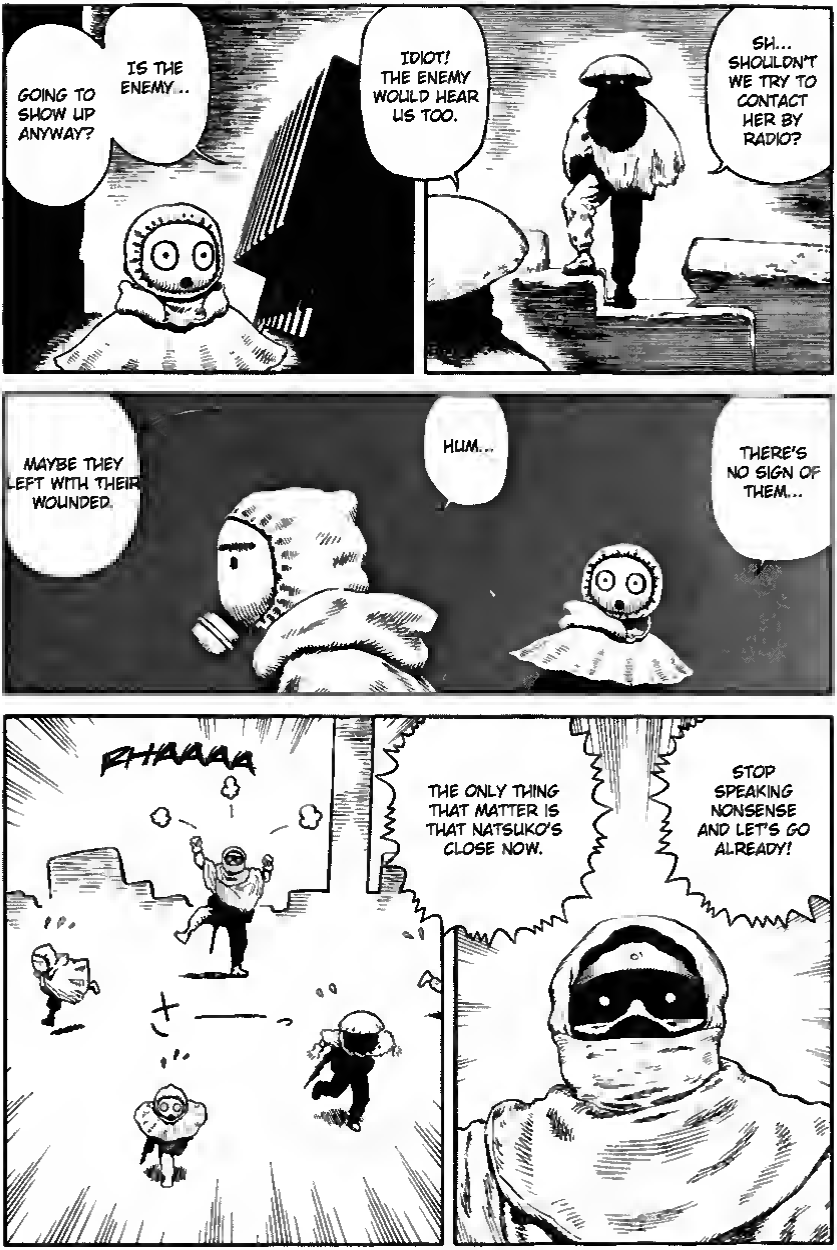
BROUGHT US CLOSER TO HER.
EVERY FOOT-PRINT MADE BY NATUSKO'S UNIT...
EVERY LOOTED CORPSE...

THE TRAIL ENDS HERE
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
NATSUKO WAS PROBABLY GLAD ABOUT THAT TOO.
UNLIKE THE SAND, THE FOOTPRINTS WE MAKE HERE DISAPPEAR IMMEDIATELY.
LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, WE WON'T BE LEAVING ANY TRACE EITHER.
BUMMER.


GOING TO SHOW UP ANYWAY?
IS THE ENEMY...
IDIOT! THE ENEMY WOULD HEAR US TOO.
SH... SHOULDN'T WE TRY TO CONTACT HER BY RADIO?
MAYBE THEY LEFT WITH THEIR WOUNDED.
HUM...
THERE'S NO SIGN OF THEM...
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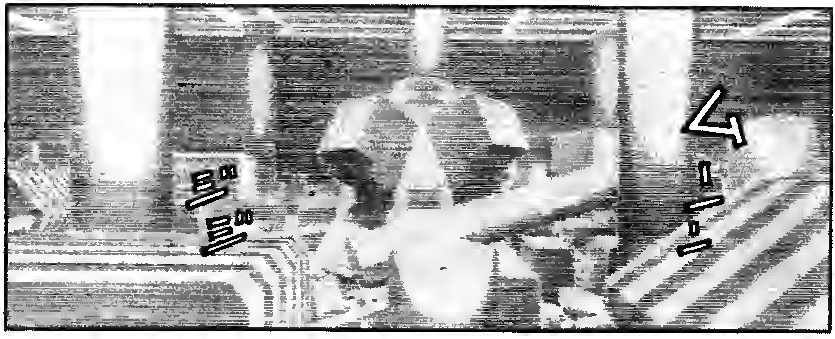
THE ONLY THING THAT MATTER IS THAT NATSUKO'S CLOSE NOW.
STOP SPEAKING NONSENSE AND LET'S GO ALREADY!


BEEP BEEP
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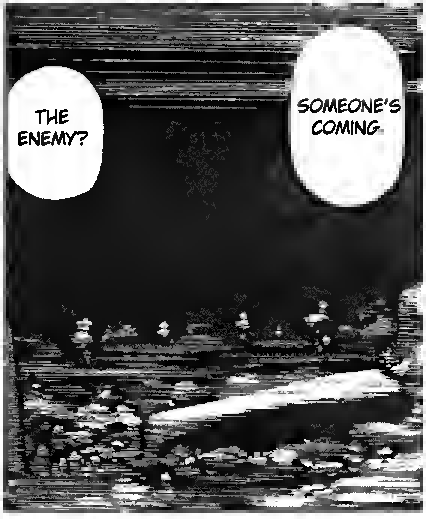
THAT'S NOT THEM WE WOULD HAVE SEEN THEM COMING FROM A KILOMETER AWAY.
THERE ARE FOUR OR FIVE INDIVIDUALS 500M AWAY.


THE ENEMY?
SOMEONE'S COMING.

AND THOSE GUYS JUST BARGE IN HERE? HOW ABSURD IS THAT?
WE'VE BEEN SURROUNDED FOR TWO DAYS OUR ENEMY DOESN'T LET EVEN COCK-ROACHES GET OUT OF HERE.
NO WAY!
REINFORCE-MENTS PERHAPS?
WOOOO...
DON'T MOVE.
WHAT DO WE DO? THEY'RE GONNA CROSS THE RED LINE ANYTIME NOW.
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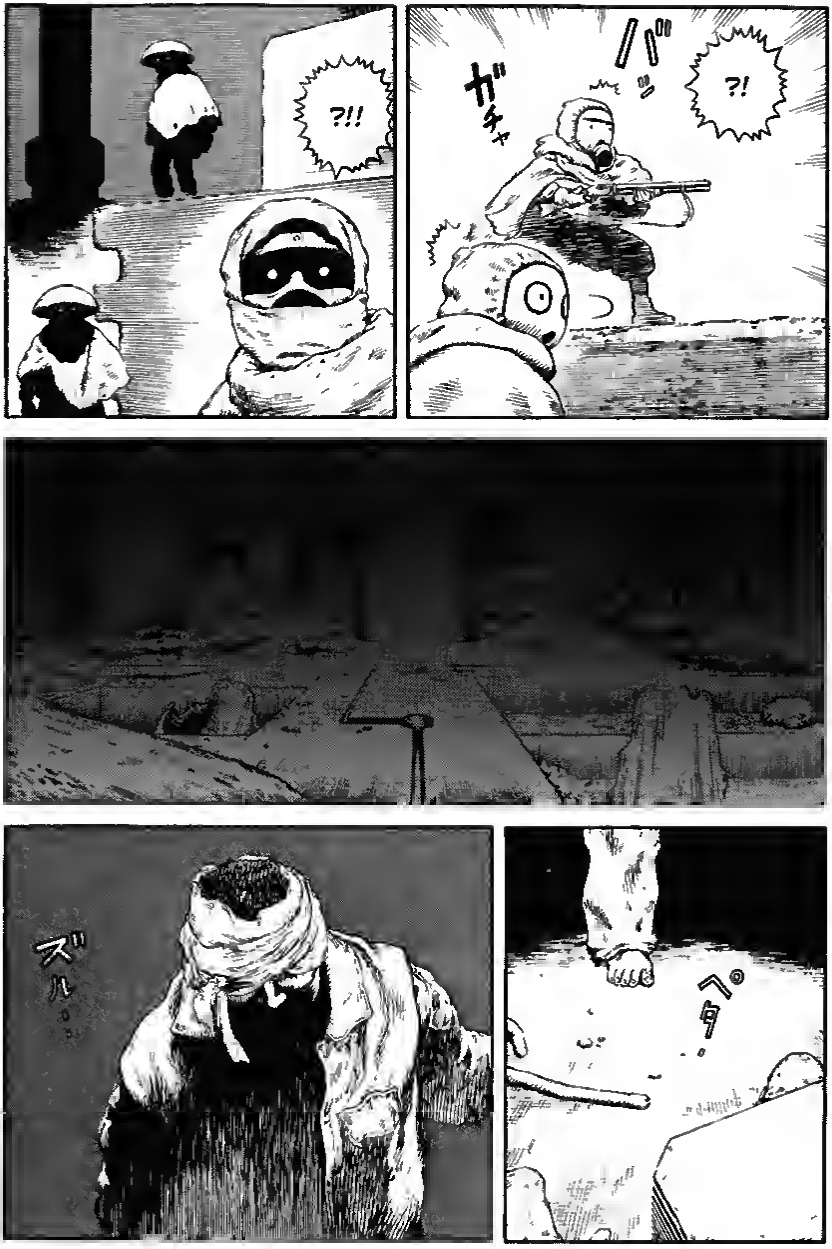
RE.. REIN-FORCEMENTS..

WHAT?
BOSS!

SUNABO-ZU?
WHAT ARE MY BROTHERS DOING DOWN HERE?
BUT WHAT...
WHAT GOOD CAN THEY DO?
PFF!
THIS IS OUR BACKUP?
SOME PETTY MERCENARIES?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HE'S OUT.
WHERE'S HIMURO?
FUCK.
HE LOST HIS MIND TO THAT FEVER.
HUH!?
I WANNA GO...
I WANNA GO HOME...
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE...
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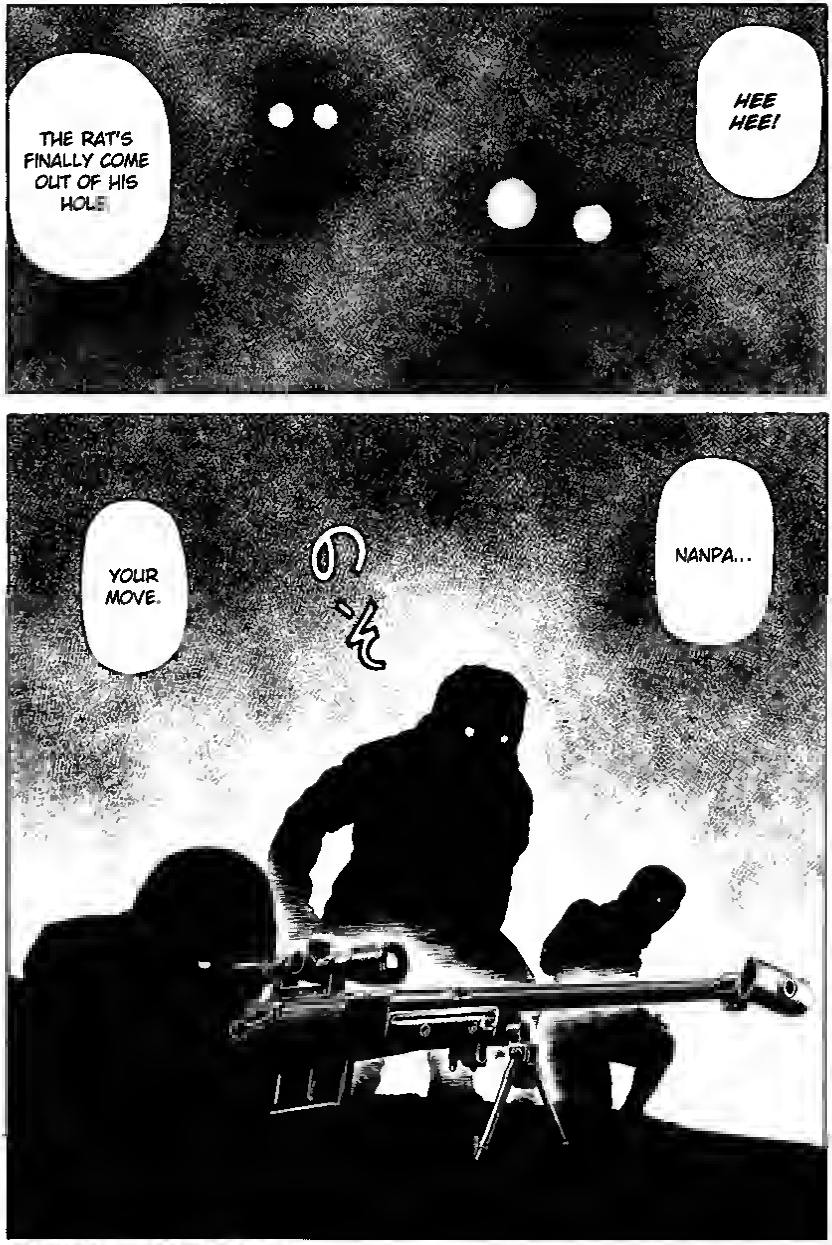
YES.
MASTER, IS HE...



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I'LL HANDLE THOSE...
HEE! HEE!
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A model 56 stolen from one of Natsuko's men
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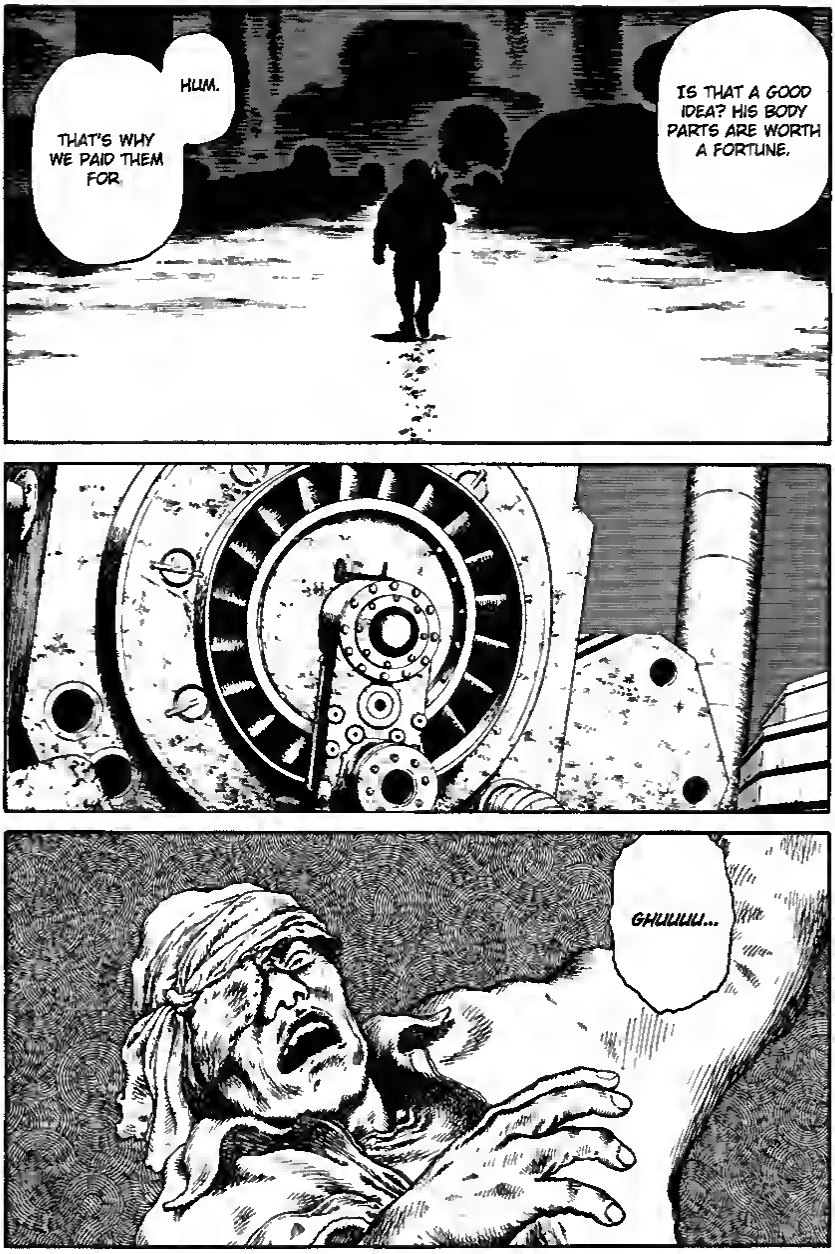
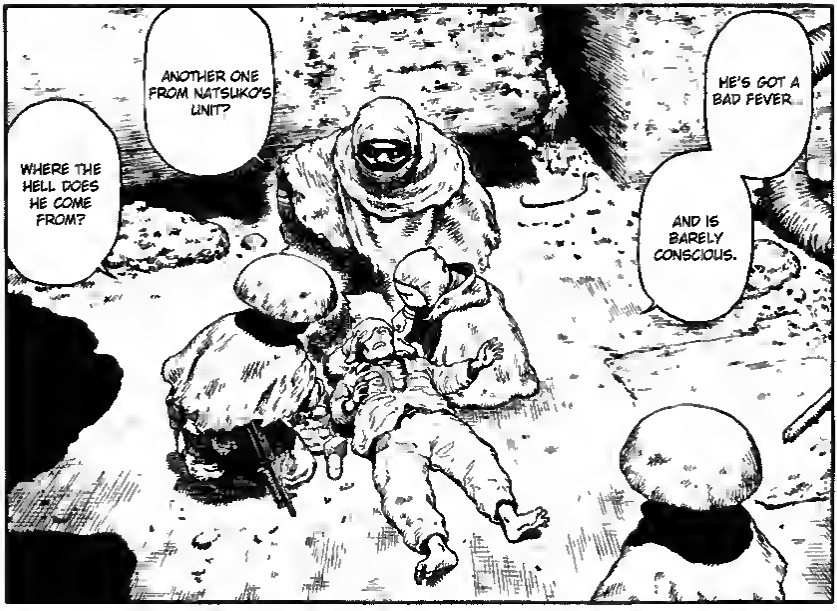
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? WE WON'T BE HELPING YOU.
FOR STRATEGIC PURPOSE, THAT IS.

LITTLE PESTS.


IS THAT A GOOD IDEA? HIS BODY PARTS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE.
HUM.
THAT'S WHY WE PAID THEM FOR.
GHUUUUU...


ANOTHER ONE FROM NATSUKO'S UNIT?
WHERE THE HELL DOES HE COME FROM?
HE'S GOT A BAD FEVER...
AND IS BARELY CONSCIOUS.

C'M'ON WAKE UP!
WAKE UP!
WHERE THE FUCK IS SHE, HUH?
HEY! WAKE UP!
WHERE'S NATSUKO?
EASY, EASY YOU'RE GOING TO KILL HIM.

HE PROBABLY WENT TO REACH US WHEN HE SAW US COMING.
GHUUUU...
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WHAT?
THERE'S EXPLOSIVES EVERYWHERE!
EX... EXPLOSIVES!!
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HM?
MASTER!
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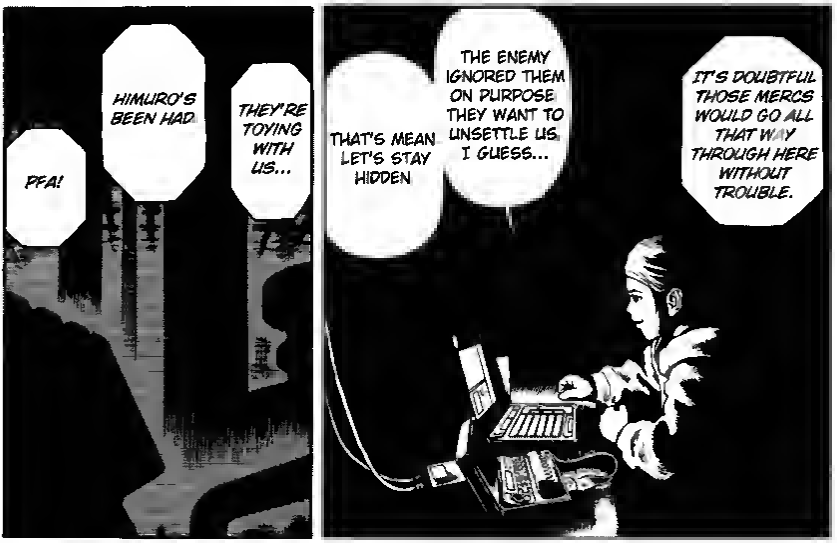
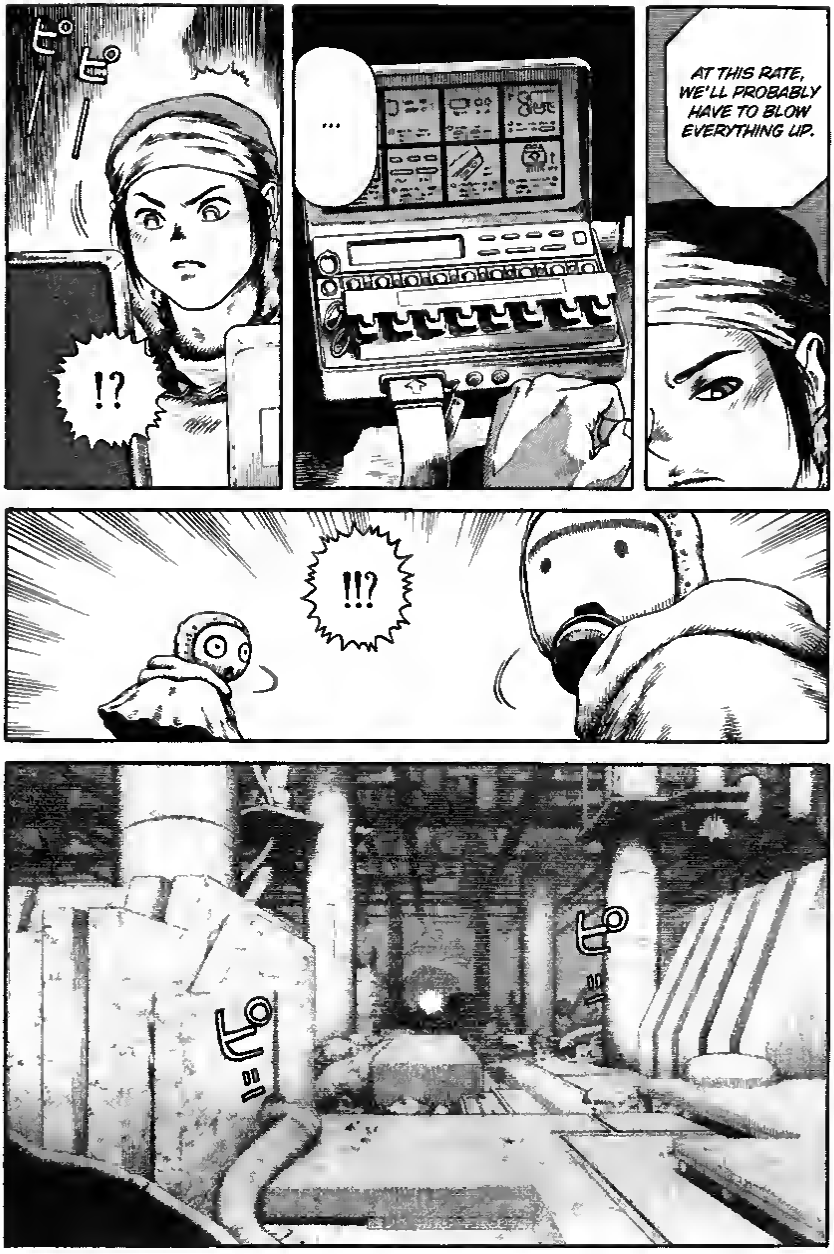
EEEH?
AND WE'RE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THEM.

SHIT!
I DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING. I'VE FUCKED UP.
HIMURO, YOU FOOL!
YOU CAN'T EVEN WALK...


PFA!
HIMURO'S BEEN HAD.
THEY'RE TOYING WITH US...
THAT'S MEAN LET'S STAY HIDDEN
THE ENEMY IGNORED THEM ON PURPOSE THEY WANT TO UNSETTLE US. I GUESS...
IT'S DOUBTFUL THOSE MERCS WOULD GO ALL THAT WAY THROUGH HERE WITHOUT TROUBLE.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...
AT THIS RATE, WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO BLOW EVERYTHING UP.
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I CAN'T SEE HIM.
WHERE?
GOD-DAMMIT!
SOUTH!
WHERE SOUTH?
SOMEONE'S COMING FROM THE SOUTH.
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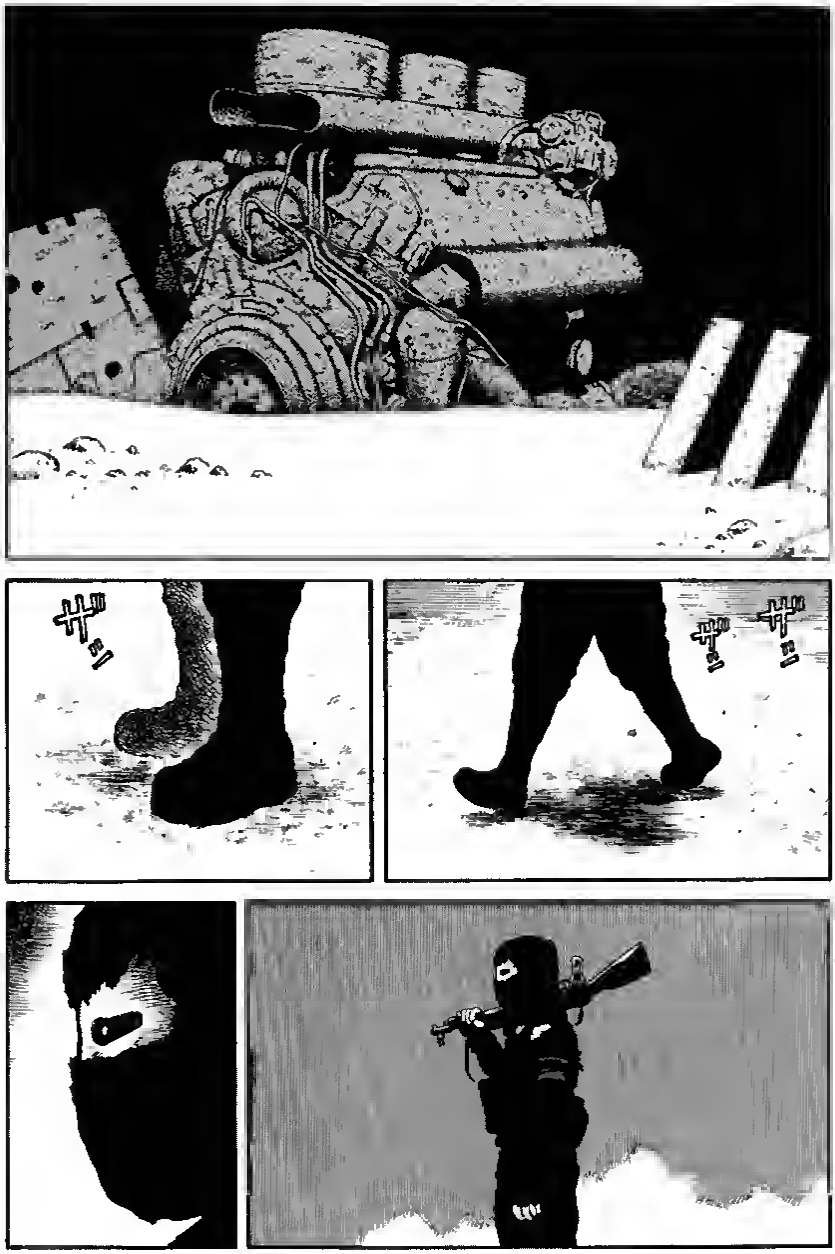
THAT'S OUR GUY.
HEY!
WHERE'S KANTA?
HM?
FURYO! FURYO! HELP MY MASTER!
WILL THAT BE ENOUGH?
YOU STAY WITH FURYO. WHEN YOU SEE OUR TARGET, SHOOT HIM. WITH .50 CALIBER ONLY.
HE'LL GIVE US INSTRUC-TIONS
I WANT TO, BUT I CAN'T SEE A DAMN THING.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OVER THERE?!
I THINK I'VE SEEN SOME-THING...
OH?
HE'S TOO FAR AWAY.
FUCK! I CAN'T SEE SHIT!
...

NO!
YOU CAN'T BEAT HIM WITH THAT SUIT!
KANTA'S NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH SOME SKILLS!
AKIO!
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OH!
AKIO WILL BE SHOT BEFORE HE EVEN SEES HIM.
THE ENEMY'S GEAR IS THREE TIME MORE EFFECTIVE THAN YOURS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

HEY! STOP! I SAID STOP!
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AAA..KIOOO!
TRY NOT TO GET KILLED!
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HOP!
FU... FURYO...
YEAAHHH!
YOU'LL BE MY EYES THEN.
Y... YES.
YOU AND KANTA ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN SPOT HIM.
OK!
WHA?
YOU CAN SEE HIM.

DAMN RUNT!
GYAAH! HA! HA!
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DON'T CALL ME IMPOTENT!
HOO!
IS THAT YOU, IMPOTENT SON-OF-A-BITCH?

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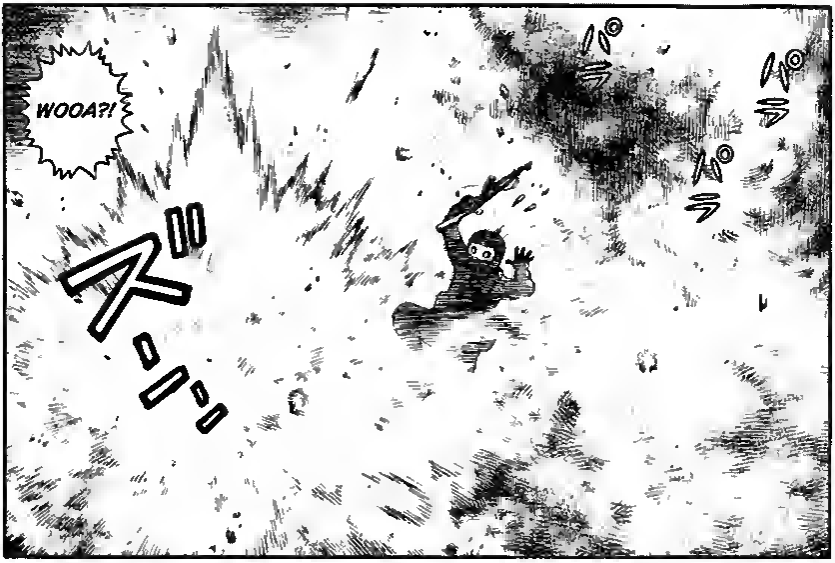
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A SMOKE-SCREEN?
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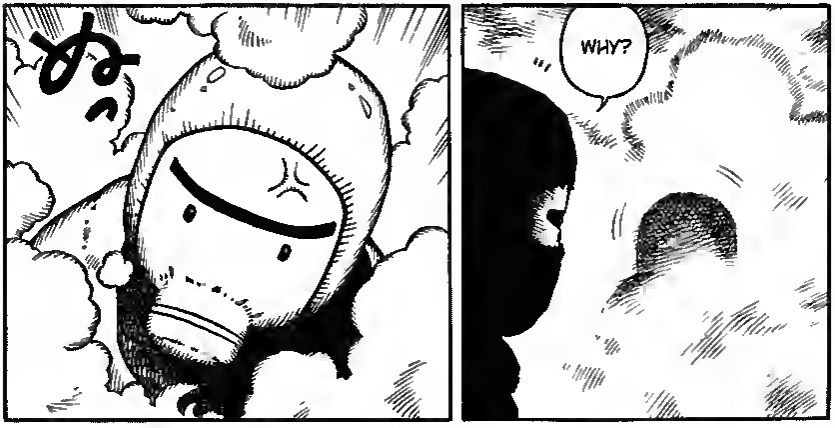
WHAT'S HE PLAYING AT?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WHY?

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WOOA!
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HERE HE IS!

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WAH!
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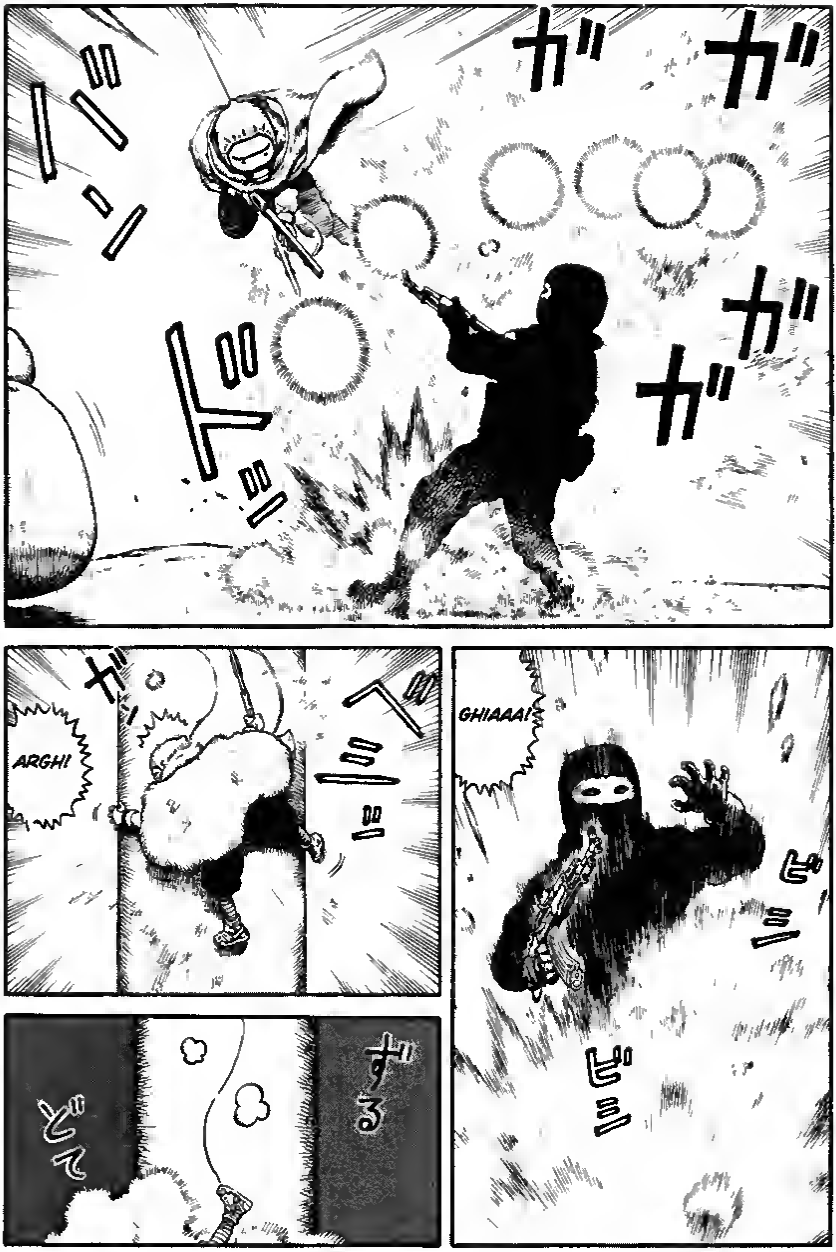
WHAAAT?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GHIAAA!
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I GOT SHRAPNELS IN MY ASS...RIGHT WHERE MY SUIT IS RIPPED.
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OOOW... SHIT...
OUCH... AND ANOTHER BLOW TO MY HEAD.
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CRAP!
WHERE IS HE?
HAA!
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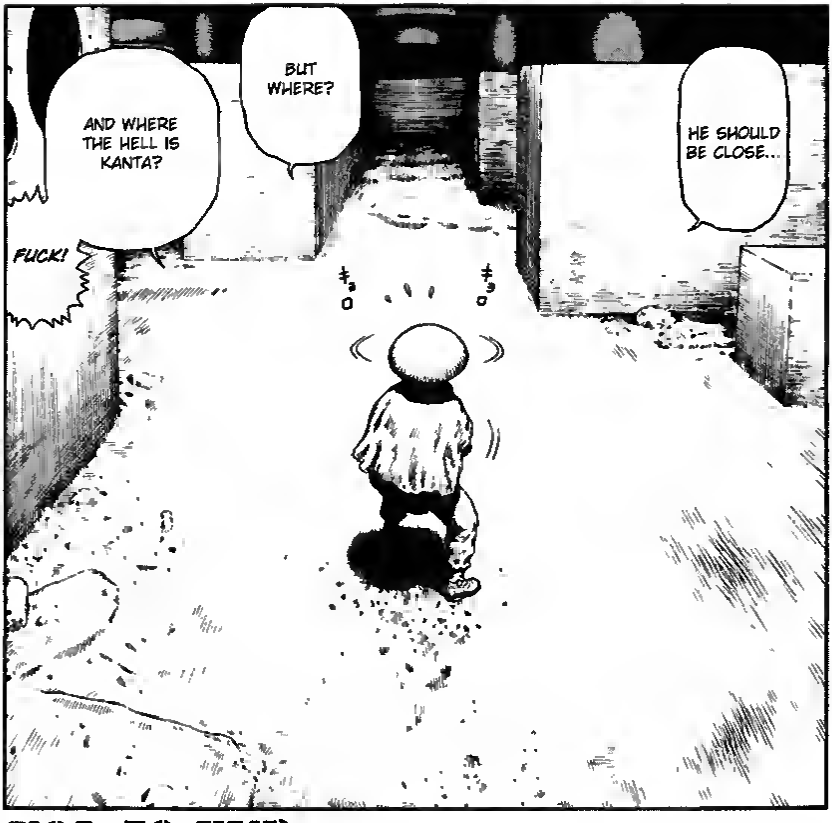
AND WHERE THE HELL IS KANTA?
BUT WHERE?
HE SHOULD BE CLOSE...
FUCK!

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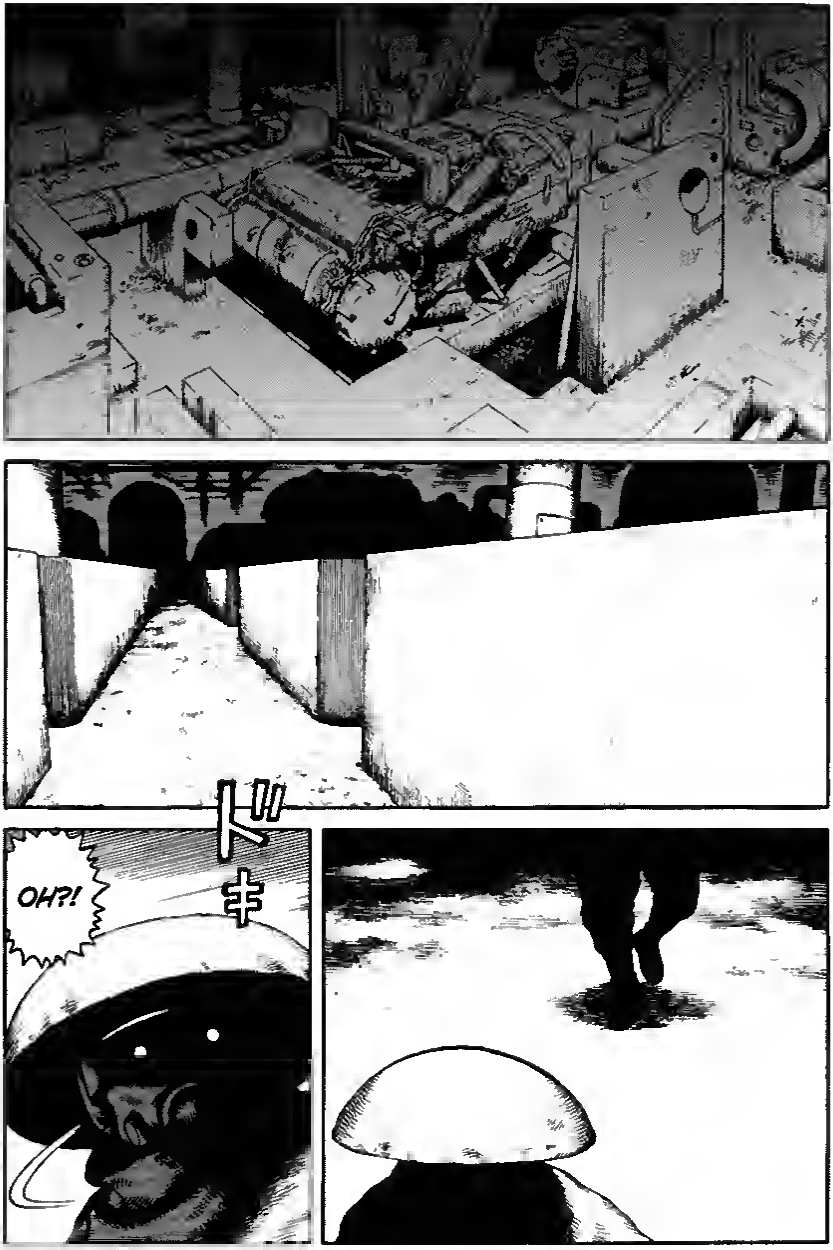
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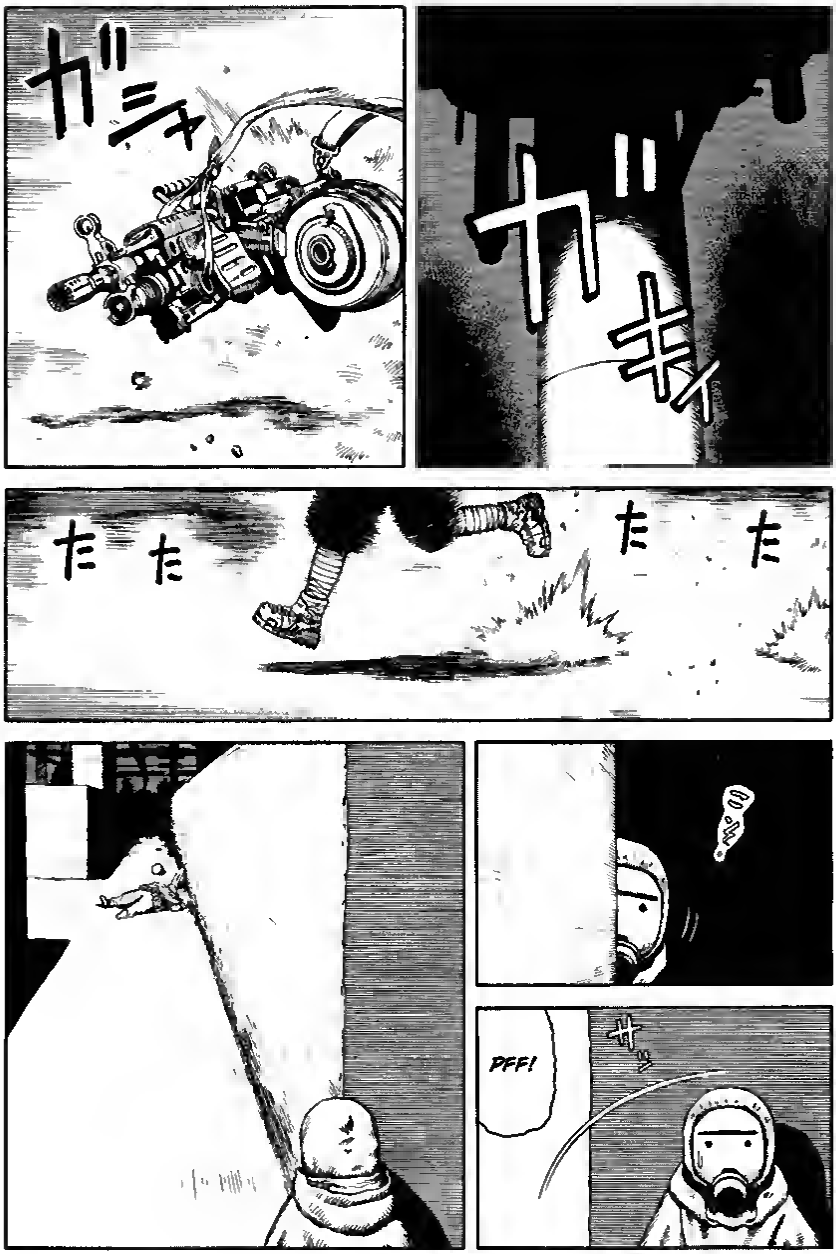
WOOH!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PFF!

AKIO?
UGH... HHH...
THE ENEMY IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND!
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WHERE HAS HE GONE?
DID HE RUN OFF WITHOUT KILLING HIM BECAUSE I WAS THERE?
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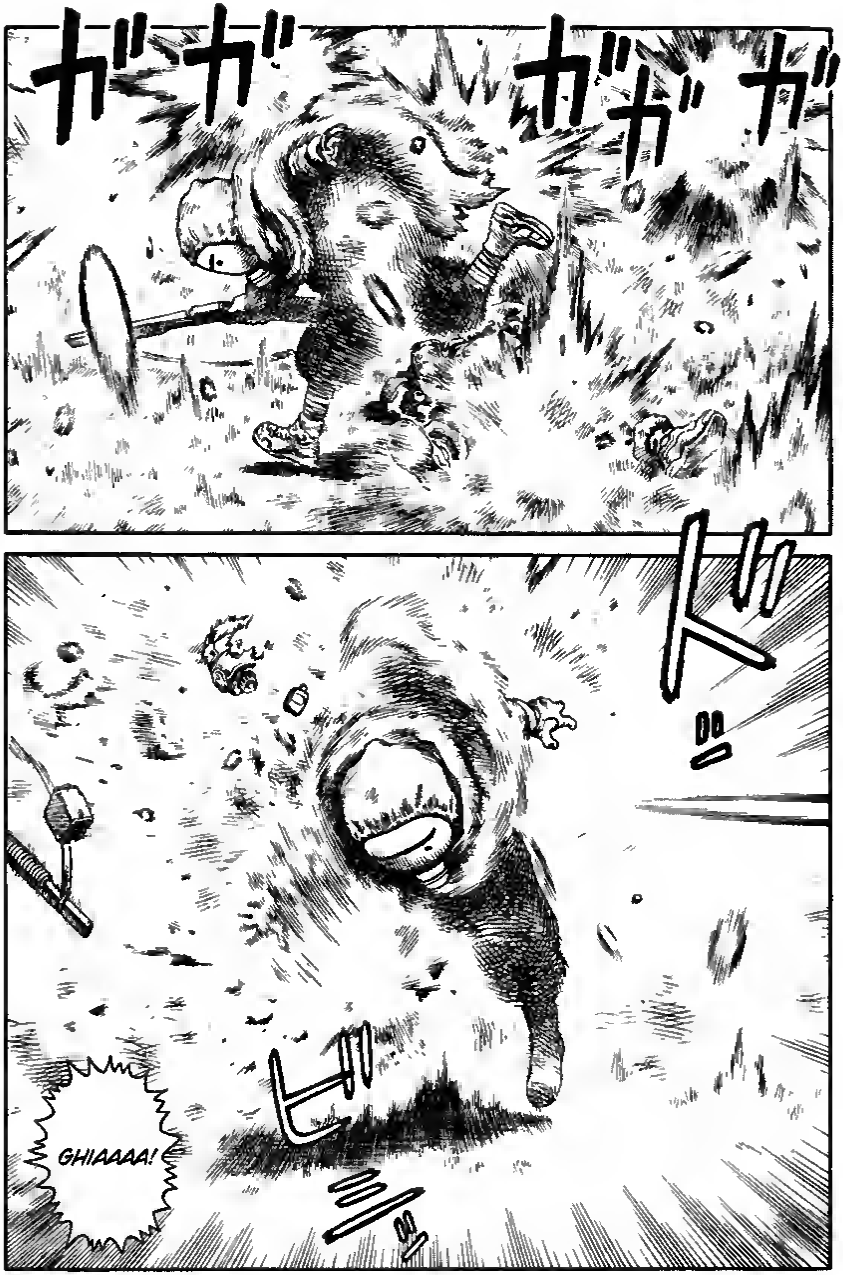
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GHIAAAA!

DUMB-ASS!
HEE! HEE! HEE! HEE!
HAVE YOU GOT NO HONOR?
DAMN YOU, YOU LEFT SOMEONE LYING AROUND HALF-DEAD JUST SO YOU CAN SHOOT AT THE FRIEND TRYING TO HELP HIM?
Shirt!
OOWWW ...
OUCH OUCH...
WELL, WELL SOMEONE TOLD ME EXACTLY THE SAME THING NOT SO LONG AGO...
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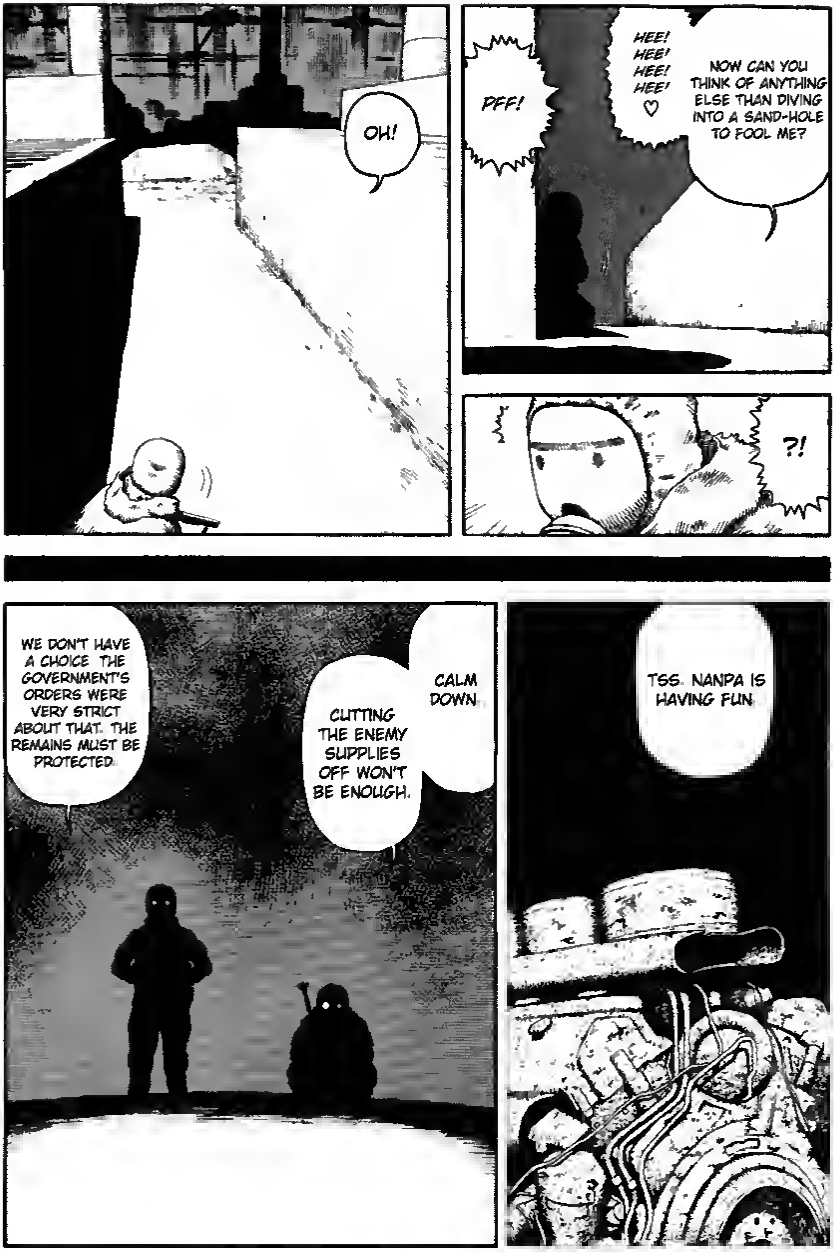
HAVING POWERFUL EQUIPMENT AND RELYING TOO MUCH ON IT EVENTUALLY LEADS ANYONE TO MAKE SOME STUPID MISTAKE


OH!
PFF!
HEE! HEE! HEE! HEE! ♡
NOW CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE THAN DIVING INTO A SAND-HOLE TO FOOL ME?
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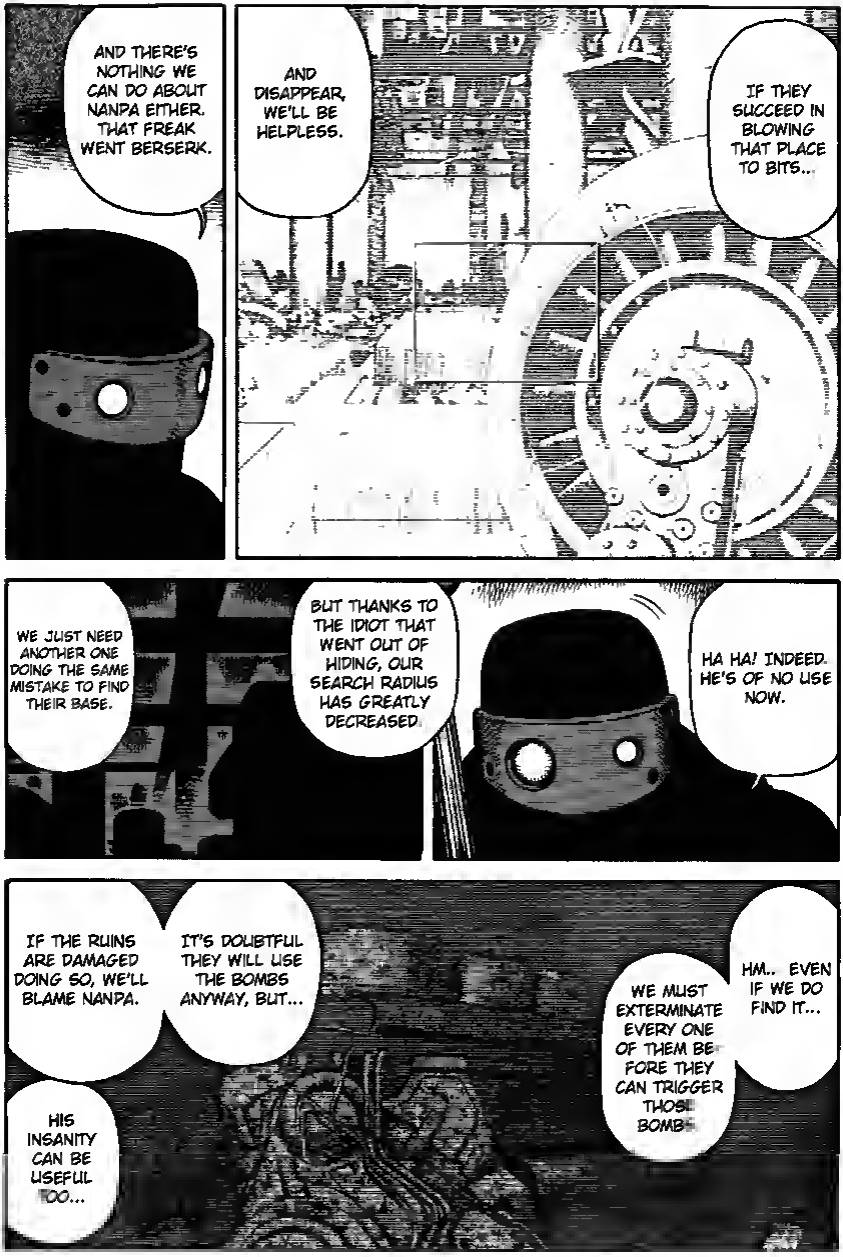
WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. THE GOVERNMENT'S ORDERS WERE VERY STRICT ABOUT THAT. THE REMAINS MUST BE PROTECTED.
CUTTING THE ENEMY SUPPLIES OFF WON'T BE ENOUGH.
CALM DOWN.
TSS. NANPA IS HAVING FUN.


AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT NANPA EITHER. THAT FREAK WENT BERSERK.
AND DISAPPEAR, WE'LL BE HELPLESS.
IF THEY SUCCEED IN BLOWING THAT PLACE TO BITS...
WE JUST NEED ANOTHER ONE DOING THE SAME MISTAKE TO FIND THEIR BASE.
BUT THANKS TO THE IDIOT THAT WENT OUT OF HIDING, OUR SEARCH RADIUS HAS GREATLY DECREASED.
HA HA! INDEED. HE'S OF NO USE NOW.
IF THE RUINS ARE DAMAGED DOING SO, WE'LL BLAME NANPA.
IT'S DOUBTFUL THEY WILL USE THE BOMBS ANYWAY, BUT...
HIS INSANITY CAN BE USEFUL TOO...
WE MUST EXTERMINATE EVERY ONE OF THEM BEFORE THEY CAN TRIGGER THOSE BOMBS.
HM.. EVEN IF WE DO FIND IT...

SERGEANT-MAJOR!
SERGEANT-MAJOR!
THERE'S NONE OTHER SHOWING UP. IT WOULD BE SO EASY TO GET RID OF HIM.
OUR FOE IS ALONE.
THE MERCENARIES WILL BE WIPED OUT IF WE DON'T TAKE ACTION.
HIMURO IS IN DANGER TOO.
I SAID NO!
WE'RE NOT MOVING!

WHAT-EVER THE COST...
I WON'T EVER HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS ONE.
I MUST RETURN WITH THE KNOWLEDGE I HAVE UNVEILED.
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HE'S GIVING UP?
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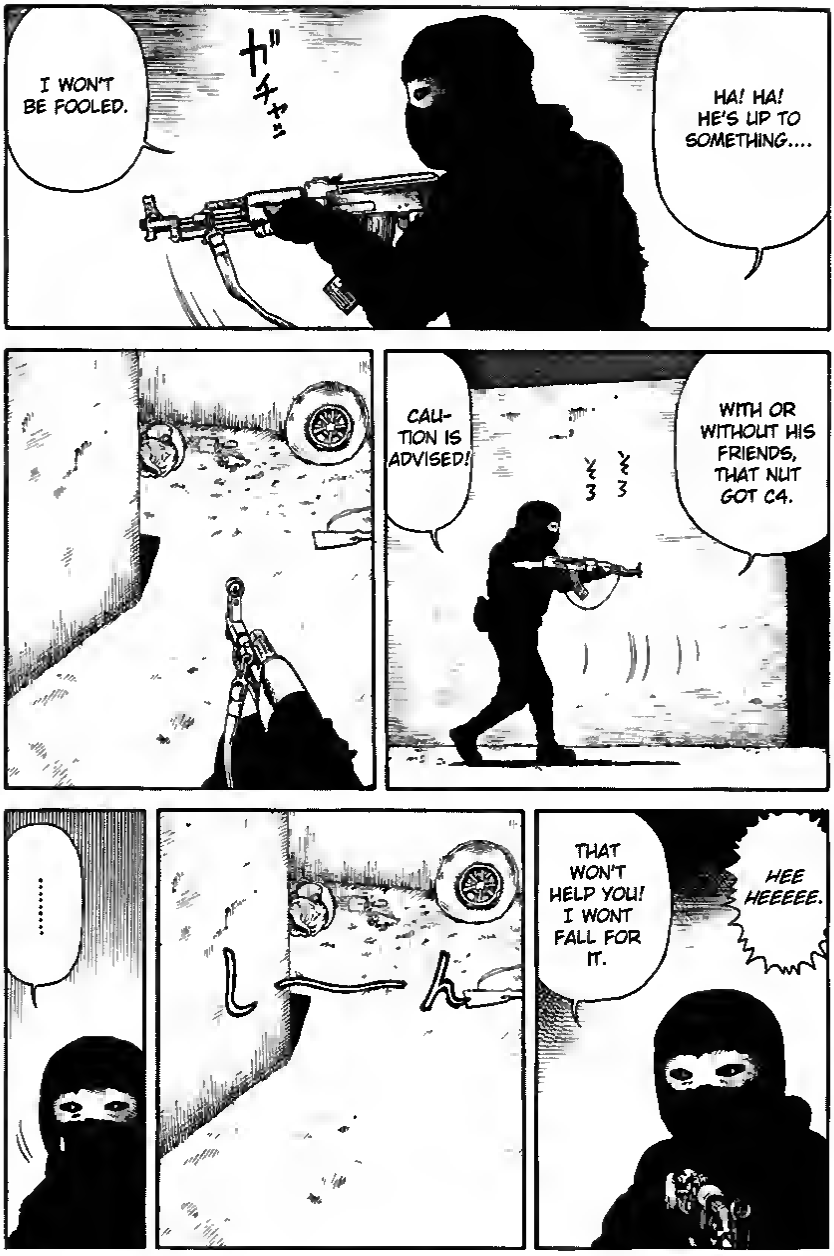
I WON'T BE FOOLED.
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HA! HA! HE'S UP TO SOMETHING....
CAU-TION IS ADVISED!
WITH OR WITHOUT HIS FRIENDS, THAT NUT GOT C4.
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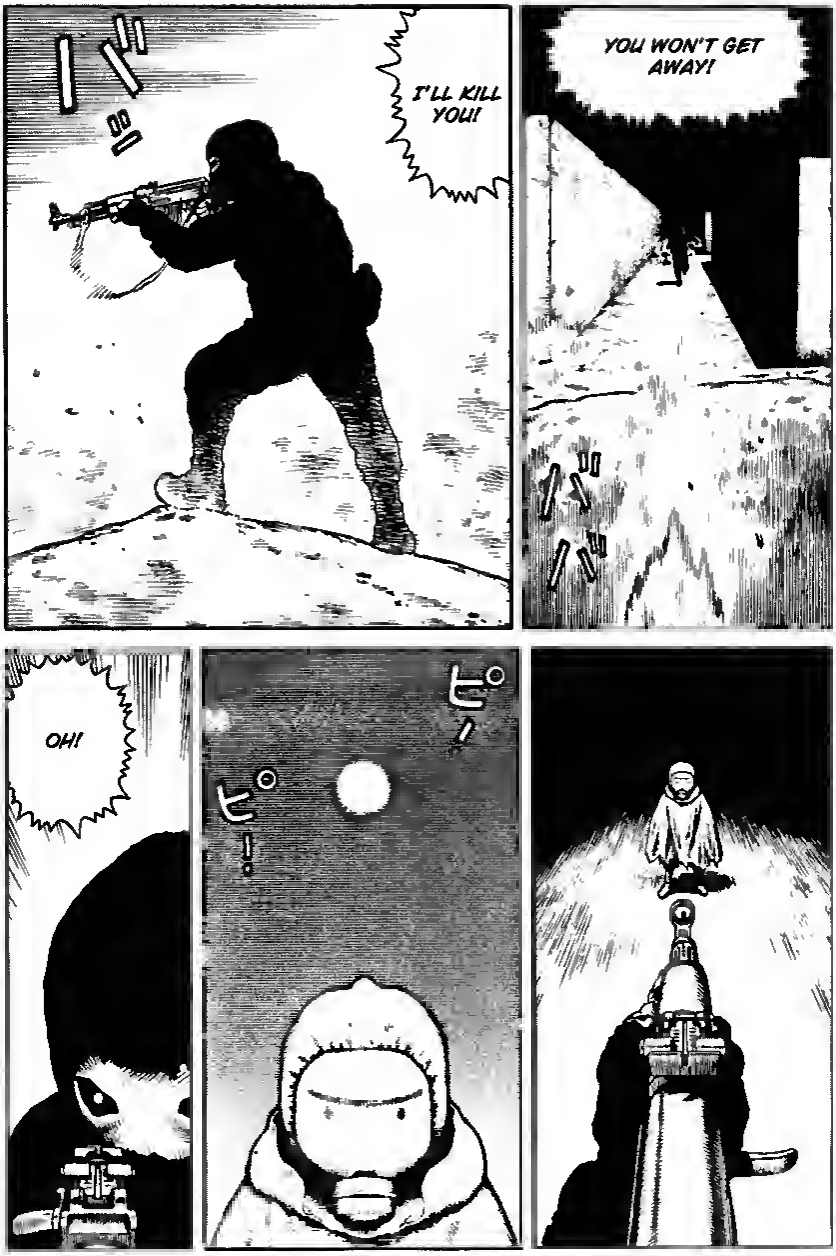
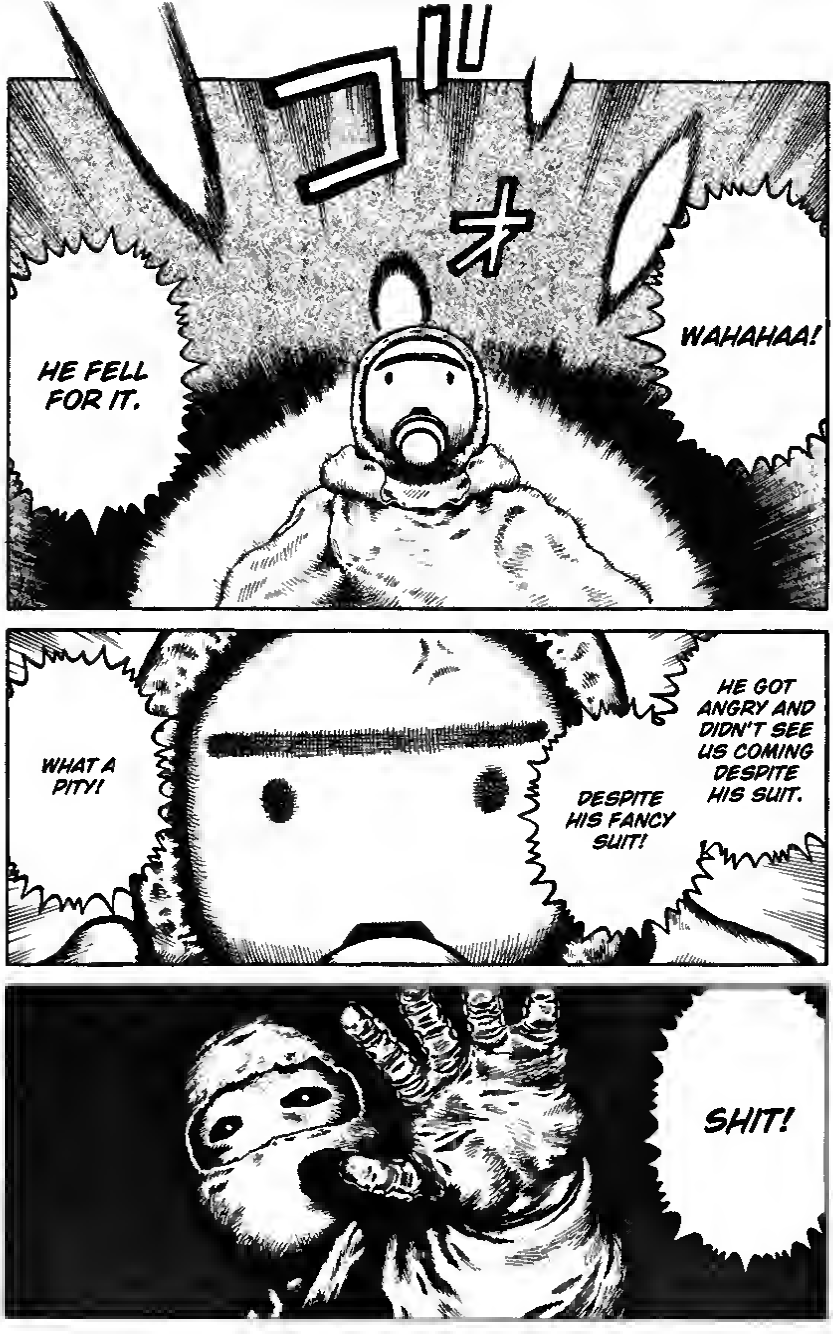
THAT WON'T HELP YOU! I WONT FALL FOR IT.
HEE HEEEEE.

OH!!
FUUU...
I've been had
And he threw his rifle just so I would think it was a trap?
HE JUST WANTED TO BUY HIMSELF SOME TIME TO ESCAPE...
OH!
MOTHER-FUCKER!!


I'LL KILL YOU!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY!
OH!

FIRE!!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HE FELL FOR IT.
WAHAHAA!
WHAT A PITY!
DESPITE HIS FANCY SUIT!
HE GOT ANGRY AND DIDN'T SEE US COMING DESPITE HIS SUIT.
SHIT!

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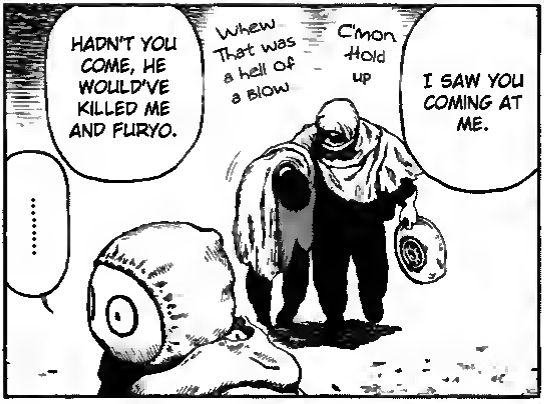
GHIAAA...
WOOHAA!
SO?
YAY!
GOTCHA!

WHOA ...
SO, HOW DID IT GO?
ARE THEY SAFE?
BUT I CAN'T LET ONE OF NATSUKO'S MEN DOWN EITHER.
I DON'T LIKE BEING IN THE MIDDLE OF EXPLOSIVES.

WAAH!
UGH...

I'M GONNA TAKE A PISS...


HADN'T YOU COME, HE WOULD'VE KILLED ME AND FURYO.
Whew That was a hell of a blow
C'mon Hold up
I SAW YOU COMING AT ME.
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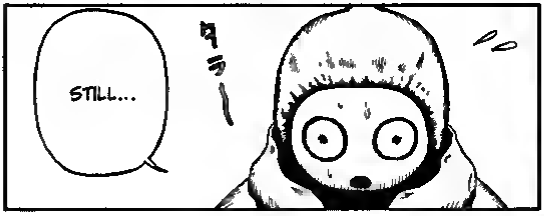
HADN'T YOU LURED THAT FREAK WITH YOUR TRICK...
WELL DONE


STILL...
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HOW CAN HE STILL BE RUNNING? THAT'S FRIGHTENING.
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S STILL ALIVE.
Unbelievable.
God.
HE WAS SHOT BY .50 CALIBER.
GO WHERE? TO THAT PLACE FILLED WITH BOMBS?
LET'S GO.
THAT GHOST IS DIFFERENT.
THAT'S THE SAFEST SPOT I THINK.

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UH?
OH!

YOU'VE COME TO FIND US, DON'T YOU?
I'M A FRIEND.
WHAT IF I HAD TALKED? MAYBE YOU WOULD HAVE SHOT ME.
I WAS TERRIFIED.
SORRY, I'VE SCARED YOU.
THEY'VE MOVED.
EVEN IF YOU KNOW IT'S A TRAP...
DYING IN ACTION IS ALWAYS PREFERABLE THAN WAITING FOR IT TO HAPPEN
IT'S THEIR LAST CHANCE
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY

MIZU-GURUMA HERE. UNDER-STOOD.
KAINE. UNDER-STOOD.
THIS IS SHIGURE. UNDER-STOOD.
LET'S GO.
WE KNOW WHERE THEY'RE HIDDEN.
10 TIMES... NO, 20 TIMES YOUR STRENGTH...
HE'S AMAZINGLY STRONG...
!?
STILL DIZZY? YOU'RE A LIABILITY!
!?

T... T... TEN GHOSTS?
THEY'RE SOOM AWAY AND TRYING TO SURROUND US.
THEY'RE MANY... SIX... NO, TEN...
HM?!
HERE THEY COME.
HERE!
THAT JERK MUST'VE THROWN IT SOMEWHERE.
And he destroyed my helmet
DAMN, I'VE LOST MY GUN.
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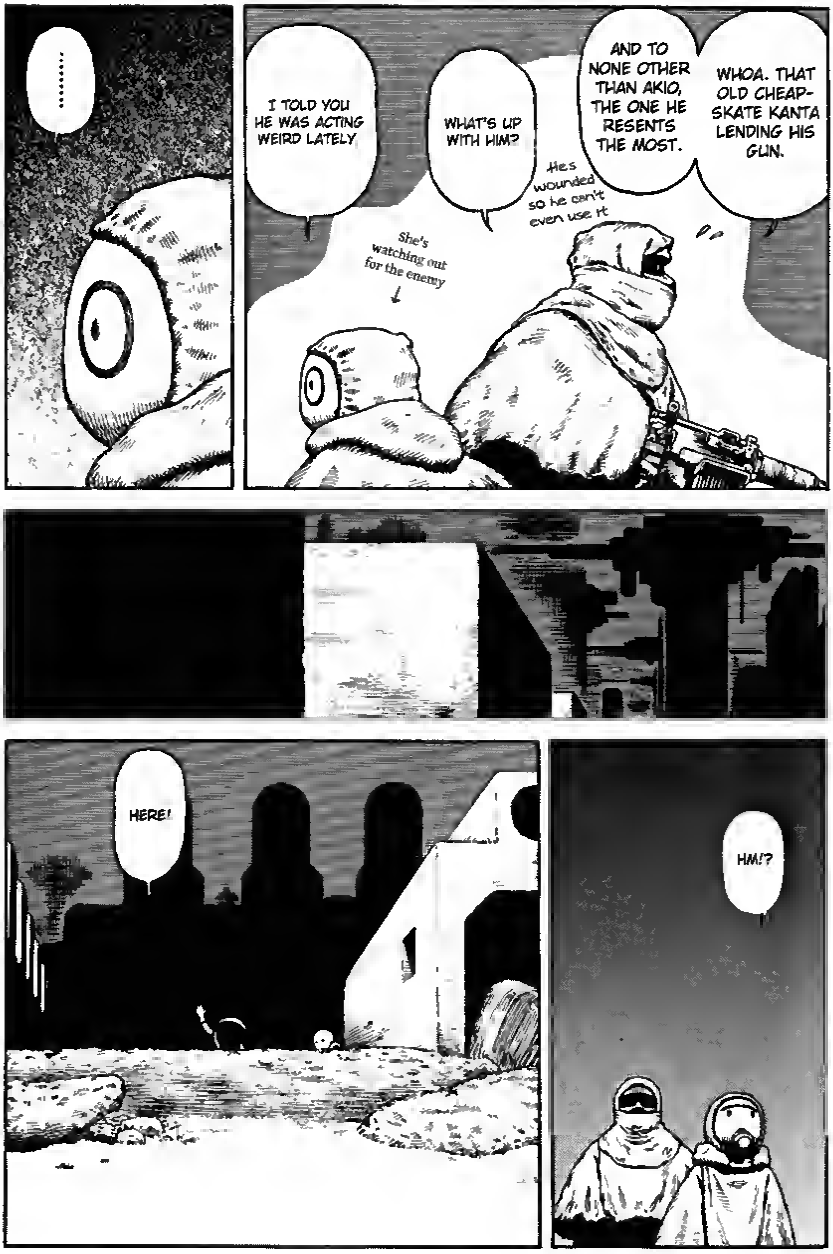
AND TAKE ALSO MY GRENADES. BE CAREFUL WITH THOSE.
Bags with 12 cartridges.
I ONLY GOT ONE ARM LEFT ANYWAY.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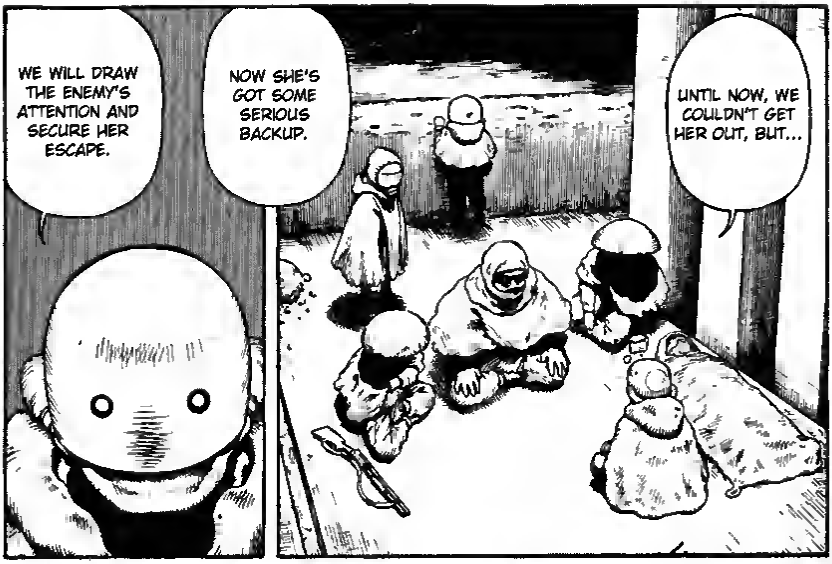
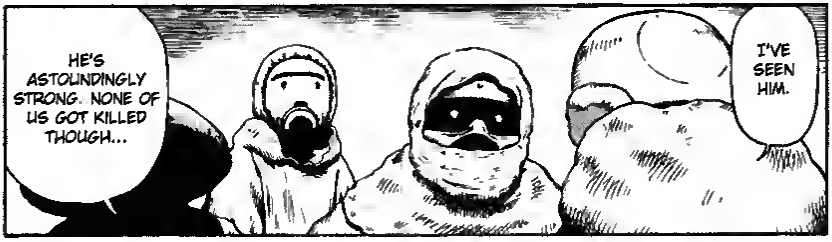
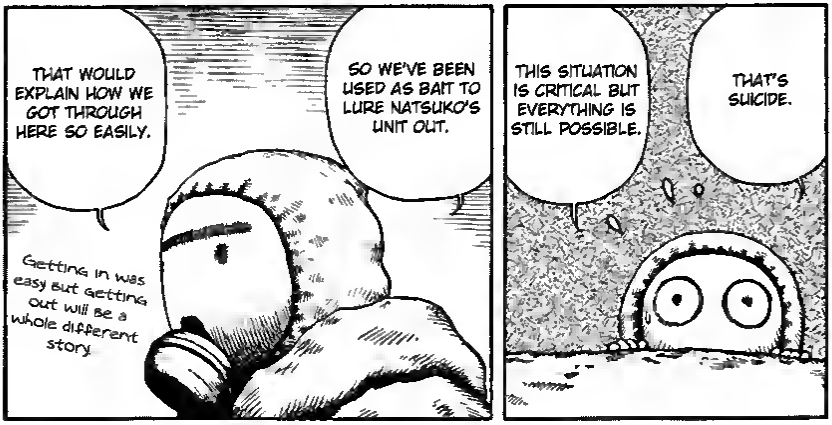
I TOLD YOU HE WAS ACTING WEIRD LATELY
WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?
He's wounded so he can't even use it
She's watching out for the enemy
AND TO NONE OTHER THAN AKIO, THE ONE HE RESENTS THE MOST.
WHOA. THAT OLD CHEAP-SKATE KANTA LENDING HIS GUN.
HERE!
HM!?

FINE!
WHAT? SO NATSUKO'S ALRIGHT THEN?
WHERE IS SHE?
I'M FROM NATSUKO'S UNIT.
HI THERE!
SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT YOU WANT TO SEE HER, BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE RIGHT NOW.
YOU'RE HER BROTHERS.
HUH?
WE NEED TO HELP THE SERGEANT MAJOR'S TO ESCAPE.
WHAT MISSION ?
THE MISSION COMES FIRST.


WE WILL DRAW THE ENEMY'S ATTENTION AND SECURE HER ESCAPE.
NOW SHE'S GOT SOME SERIOUS BACKUP.
UNTIL NOW, WE COULDN'T GET HER OUT, BUT...


HE'S ASTOUNDINGLY STRONG. NONE OF US GOT KILLED THOUGH...
I'VE SEEN HIM.


THAT WOULD EXPLAIN HOW WE GOT THROUGH HERE SO EASILY.
SO WE'VE BEEN USED AS BAIT TO LURE NATSUKO'S UNIT OUT.
Getting in was easy but getting out will be a whole different story.
THIS SITUATION IS CRITICAL BUT EVERYTHING IS STILL POSSIBLE.
THAT'S SUICIDE.

WE GOT TRAPPED AND WERE EVENTUALLY RESIGNED TO DIE LIKE TRUE WARRIORS.
THIS IS ABSURD. THOSE ARE JUST RUINS
BUT AS SOON AS WE PLANTED THE BOMBS, THE ENEMY STOPPED HARASSING US.
WE GOT THE ENEMY BY THE BALLS.
I'M NOT SO PESSIMISTIC.
YOU MEAN WITH THOSE REMOTE BOMBS?
THAT PLACE PICKED OUR INTEREST MANY YEARS AGO. BUT WE SUCCEEDED ONLY RECENTLY IN GETTING INTO IT.
IT SEEMS THEY WANTED TO PROTECT THOSE RUINS.
THE SERGEANT MAJOR WANTS TO BRING THOSE RECORDS BACK AT ALL COST.
EIGHT OF OUR MEN WERE KILLED.
WE EVEN FOUND SOME RECORDS FROM THE ANKOKU ERA BUT...

IF IT MEANS SAVING NATSUKO, I'M READY!
GOT IT.
YEAH!
GREAT!
HUH?
CAN I BORROW A COUPLE OF THOSE BOMBS?
WHA-AAT?
OKAY, LET'S GO!
I'VE GOT A REAL BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS!
WE HAVE TO PUT EVERYTHING INTO IT.
TO USE AS DIVERSION.

A GOOD DIVERSION WOULD ALSO ALLOW US TO GET BACK HOME ALIVE.
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO USE THOSE BOMBS.
I KNOW.
I THOUGHT OF THAT TOO.
IF THAT FAILS, THE ENEMY WILL BE MAD AND LAUNCH THEIR ATTACK.
MORON! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THOSE BOMBS ARE OUR LAST ACE-IN-THE-HOLE.
I NEED EVERYONE TO HELP ME!
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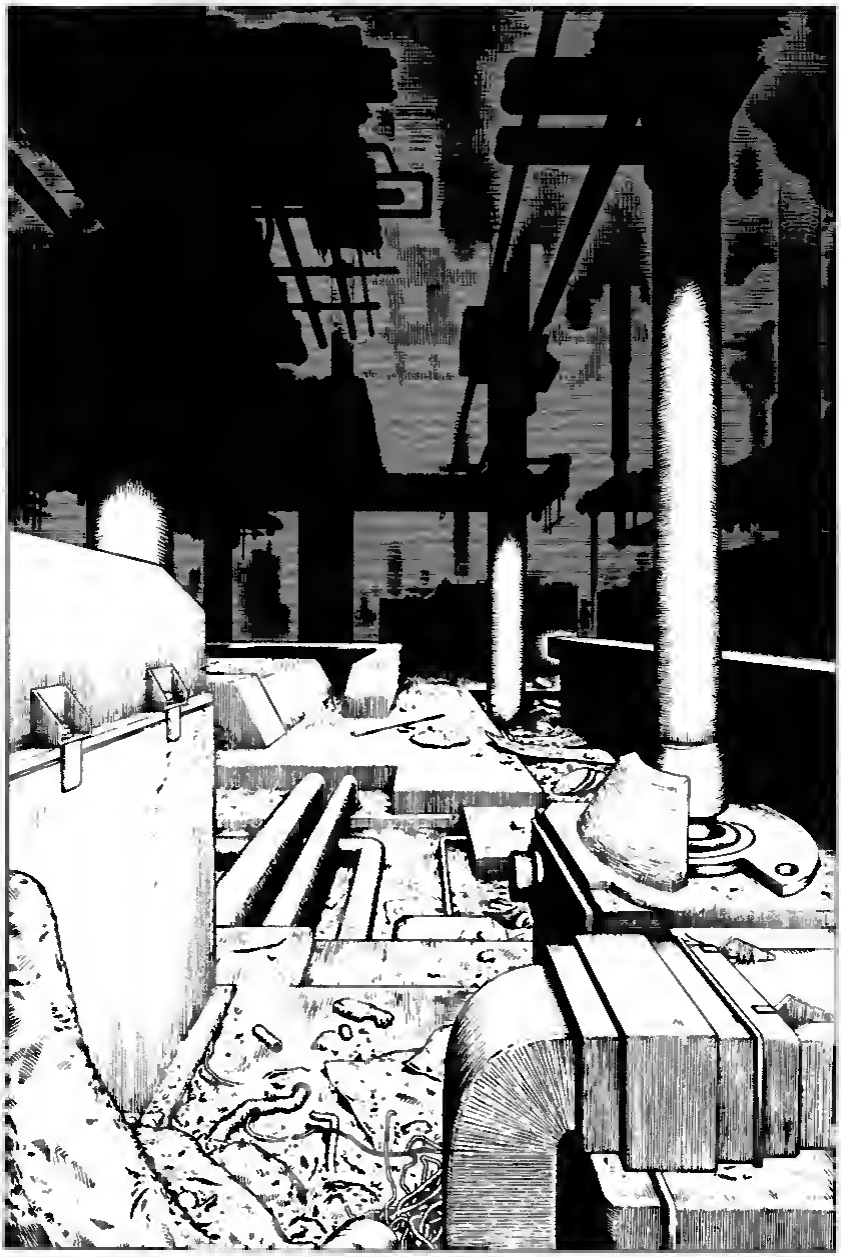
TAKE ONLY WHAT YOU NEED.
HA! HA!
HM .. THAT MAKE SENSE.
IF NATSUKO WERE TO LEARN ABOUT IT. SHE'D PROBABLY KILL YOU...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LED THEM HERE AREN'T YOU?
PERHAPS SOMEONE TALKED
NONE OF THOSE THREE KNOWS ABOUT OUR GROUP, DO THEY?



MASTER ...
WHAT IS IT?
HUM...
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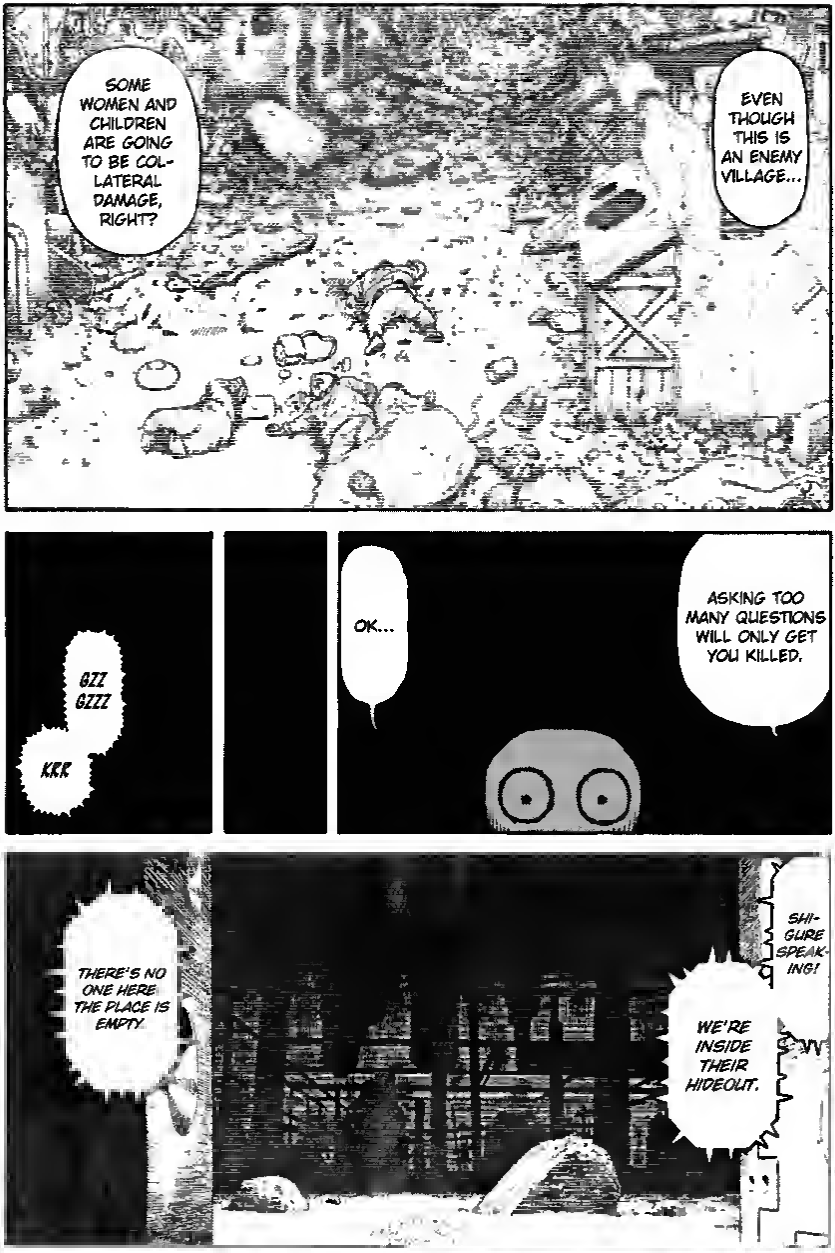
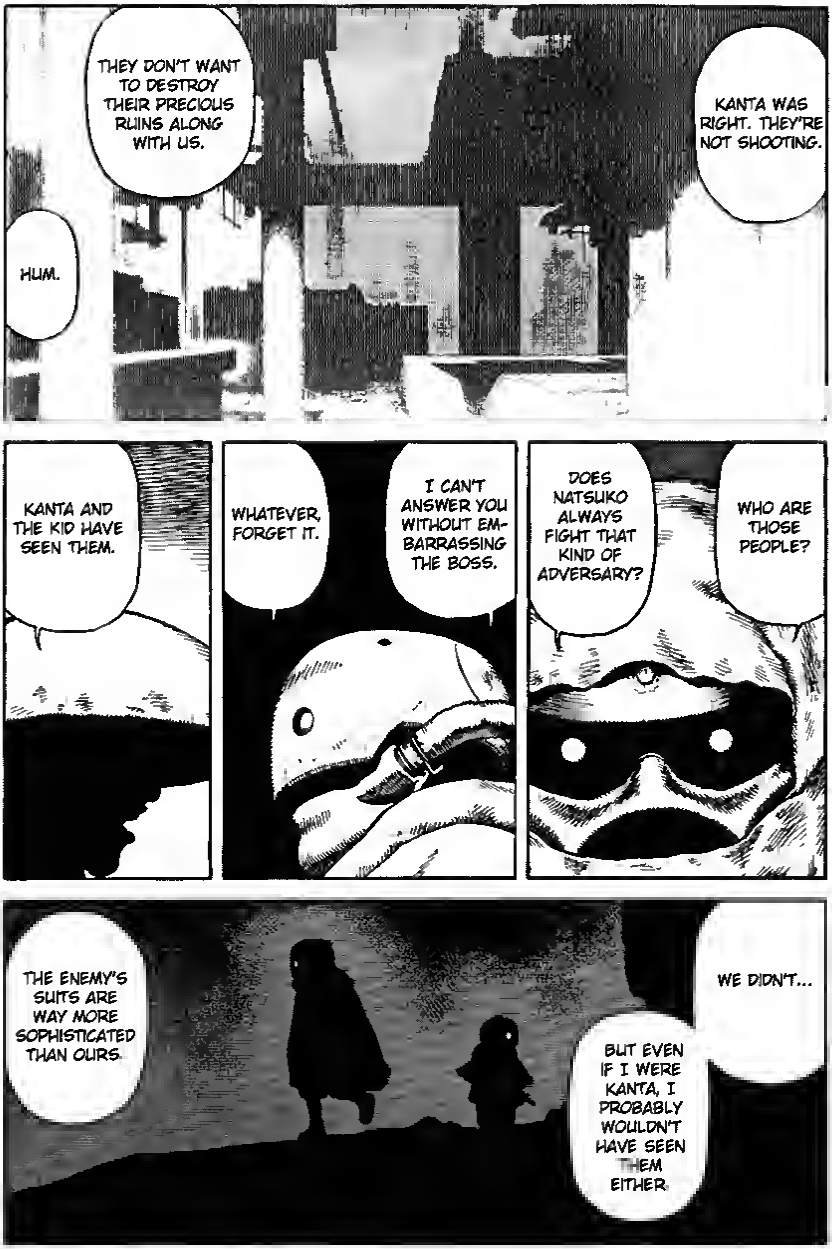
NATSUKO DID KNOW THAT HER BROTHERS WHERE THERE AND STILL USED THEM AS BAIT, DIDN'T SHE?
YES... I THINK IT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THAT OPERATION ALL ALONG
WILL THEIR CANDIDATE WIN THE ELECTION?
AND IF SHE SUCCEEDS IN RETRIEVING THOSE RECORDS SHE FOUND...

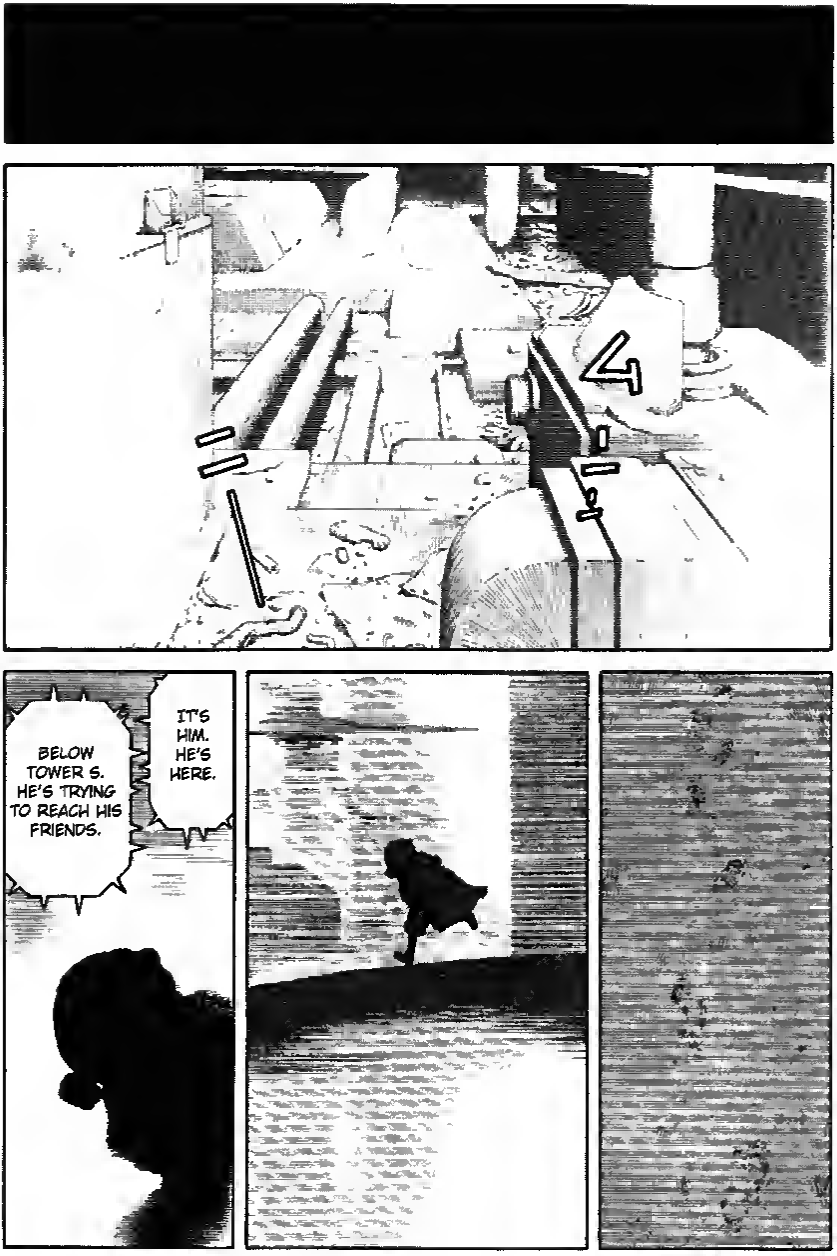

SOME WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE GOING TO BE COLLATERAL DAMAGE, RIGHT?
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS AN ENEMY VILLAGE...
GZZ GZZZ
KKK
OK...
ASKING TOO MANY QUESTIONS WILL ONLY GET YOU KILLED.
THERE'S NO ONE HERE. THE PLACE IS EMPTY.
SHIGURE SPEAKING!
WE'RE INSIDE THEIR HIDEOUT.

THE GUY THAT WENT OUTSIDE HAD IT.
WHAT ABOUT THE REMOTE CONTROL?
TWO OF THEM MUST STILL BE HERE. FIND THEM!
UNDER-STOOD.
I WANT YOU TO FIND THEM!
THOSE TWO...
WE CAN'T FIND ANY TRACE OF THOSE TWO BY THE WAY.
WHAT DO WE DO?
I DON'T LIKE THIS.
THOSE WHO TRASHED NANPA?

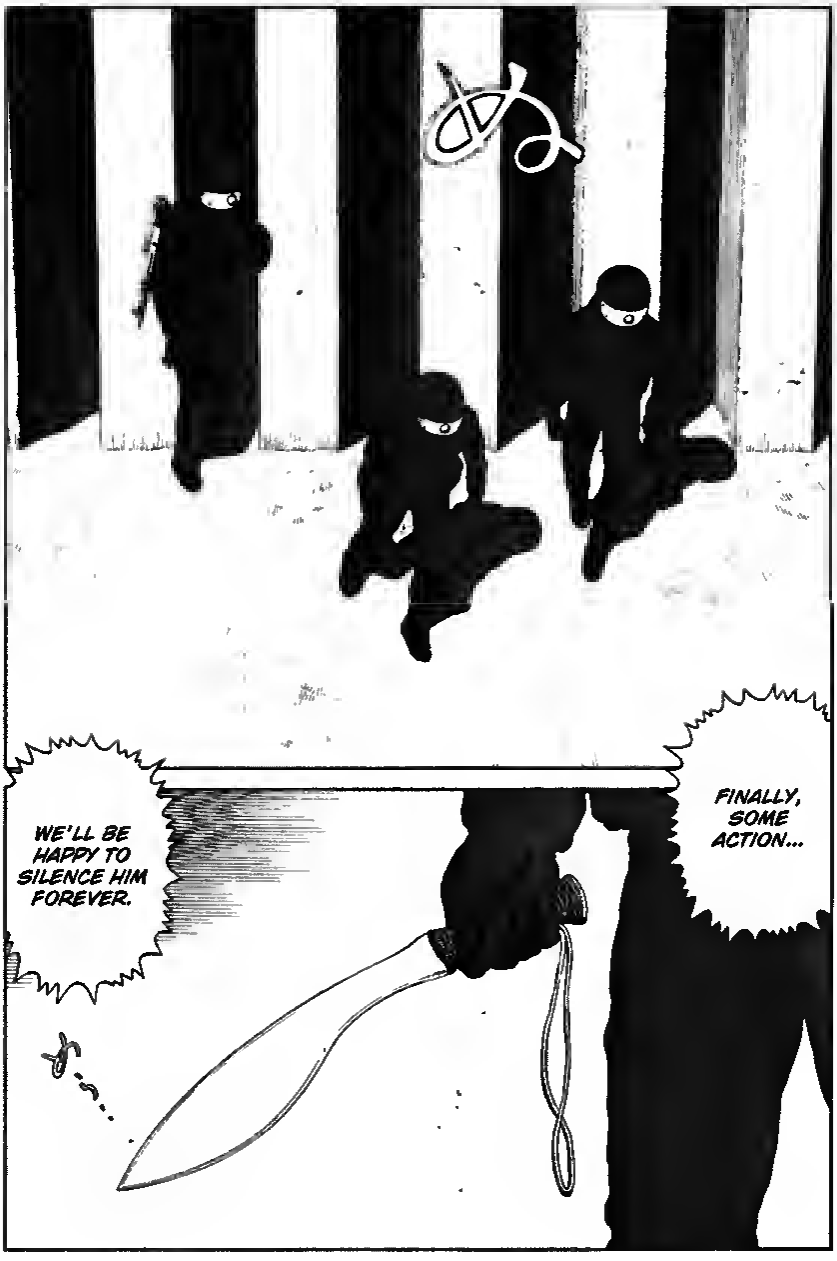
LET'S START WITH OUR FOUR UN-IDENTIFIED TARGETS.
THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE DETONATOR.
WE NEED TO FIND THEM ALL.
OF... OF COURSE THE ENEMY SHOULD BE CLOSE.
WOO...
I FEEL LIKE A MAGGOT ON A HOOK...
M... M... MAYBE THEY'RE SURROUNDING US ALREADY.

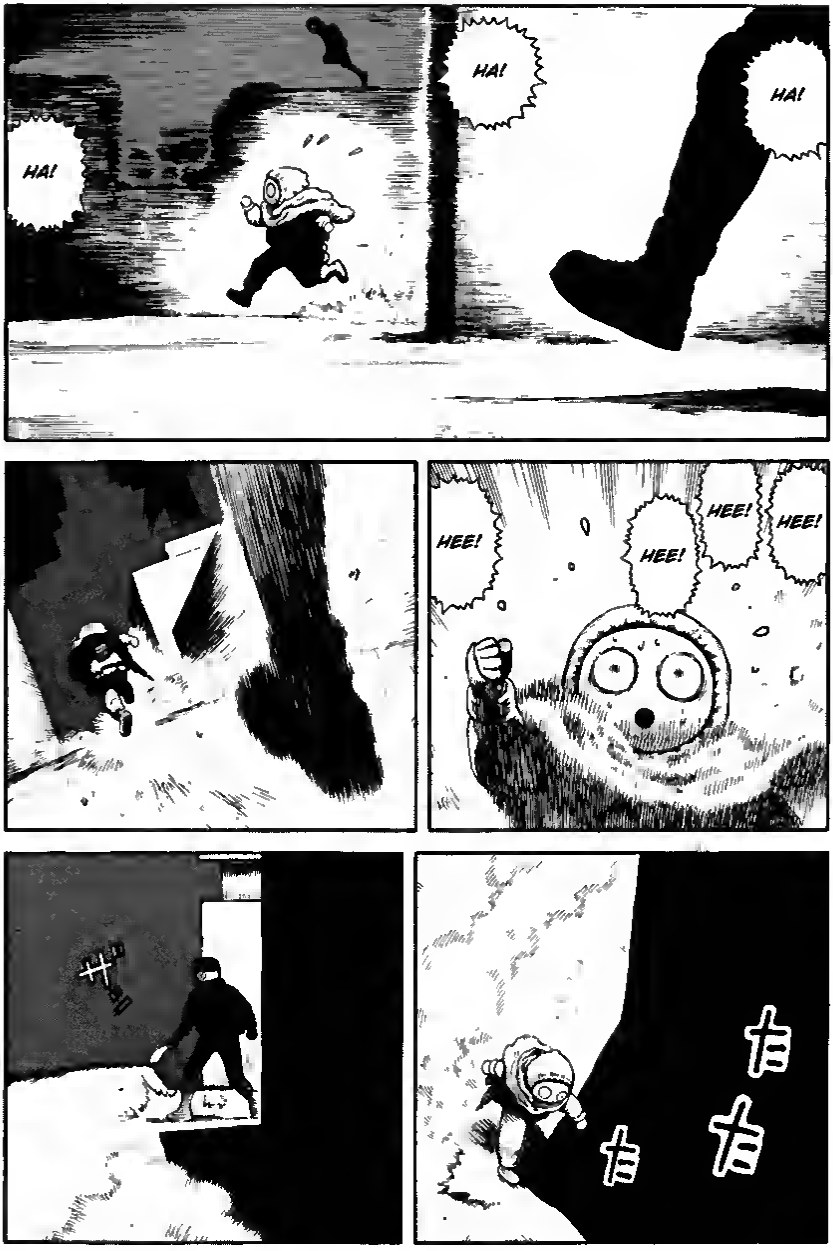

THEY DON'T WANT TO DESTROY THEIR PRECIOUS RUINS ALONG WITH US.
KANTA WAS RIGHT. THEY'RE NOT SHOOTING.
HUM.
KANTA AND THE KID HAVE SEEN THEM.
WHATEVER, FORGET IT.
I CAN'T ANSWER YOU WITHOUT EMBARRASSING THE BOSS.
DOES NATSUKO ALWAYS FIGHT THAT KIND OF ADVERSARY?
WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE?
THE ENEMY'S SUITS ARE WAY MORE SOPHISTICATED THAN OURS.
WE DIDN'T...
BUT EVEN IF I WERE KANTA, I PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE SEEN THEM EITHER.

AT LEAST HE CAN FACE THE ENEMY ON EVEN GROUND.
THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T TOLD US HE WANTED TO KEEP THAT SECRET...
ARE YOU NUTS? FENCING THAT KIND OF GOODS MAY EARN US CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.
WE SHOULD ASK HIM WHERE, DON'T YOU THINK?
He probably bought it from some smuggler
I WONDER?
WHERE THE HELL DID HE GET HIS HANDS ON THOSE SPECIAL SUITS?
THOSE FELLOWS CAN EVEN RESIST .50 CALIBRE ROUNDS.
WE'RE AT A CLEAR DISADVANTAGE..
WE CAN TOO, IF WE PLAY SUBTLE.


IT'S HIM. HE'S HERE.
BELOW TOWER 5. HE'S TRYING TO REACH HIS FRIENDS.

THIS IS TOWER 2B, HE'S INDEED RALLYING HIS COMRADES.
HE ALSO SEEMS TO BE IN A HURRY.
WE'VE ALSO SPOTTED HIM.
WHERE HAS HE GONE?
HE LOOKS SLIGHTLY ON THE EDGE.
OK. KILL HIM NOW.
BUT BE DISCREET, THE OTHERS MUST NOT HEAR.
HA! HA!
UNDER-STOOD
DAMN!
NO...
WHY? YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
MAYBE HE'S DOING SOME RECON?


WE'LL BE HAPPY TO SILENCE HIM FOREVER.
FINALLY, SOME ACTION...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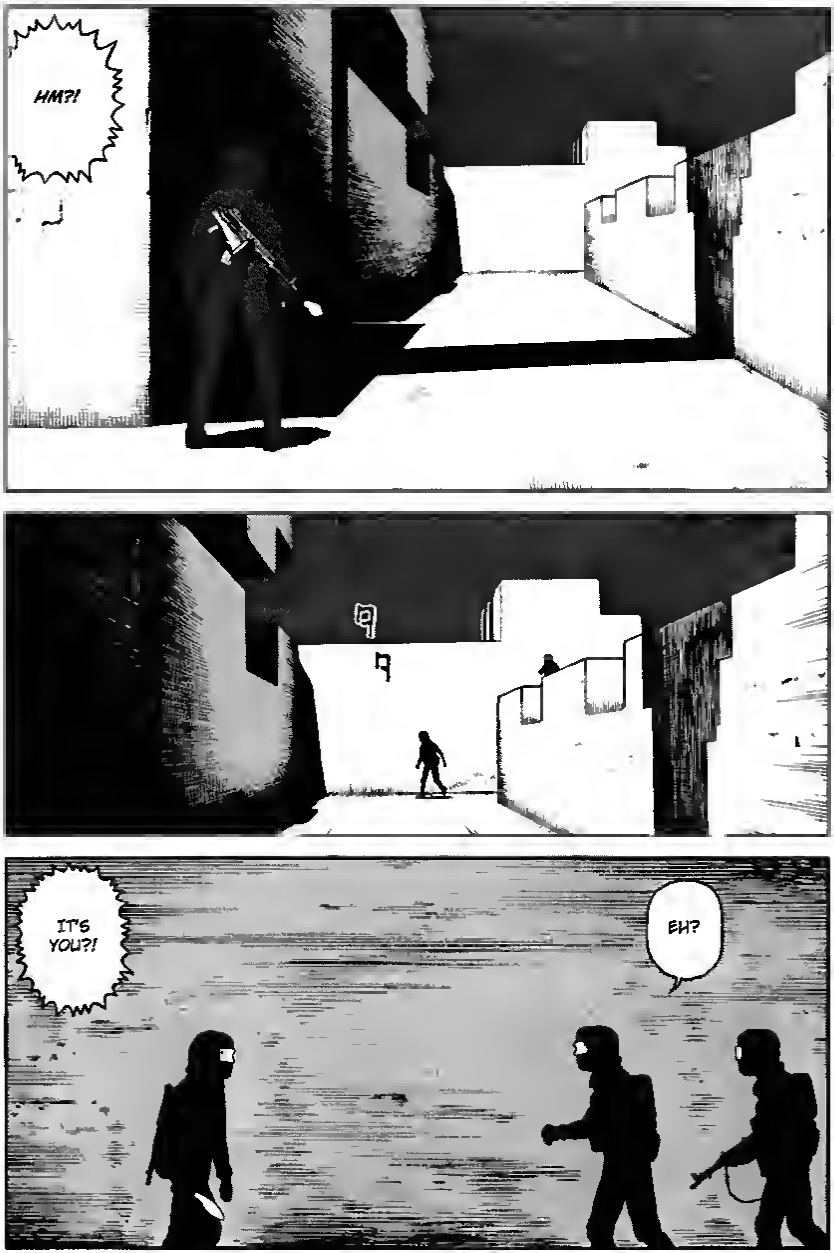
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IT'S YOU?!
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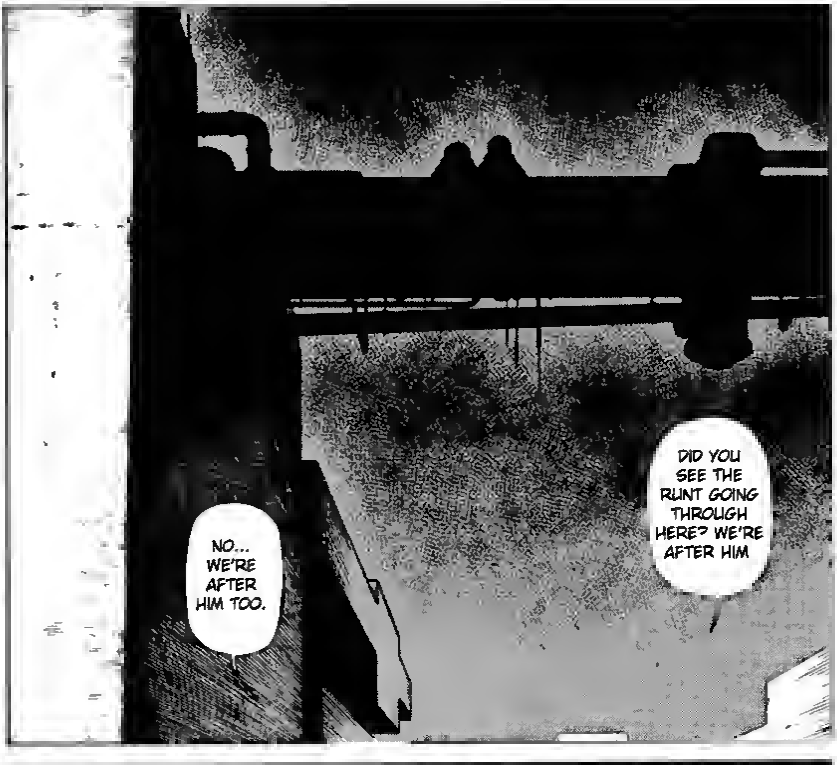
DID YOU SEE THE RUNT GOING THROUGH HERE? WE'RE AFTER HIM
NO... WE'RE AFTER HIM TOO.

HEE! HEE! HEE!

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